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ISRAEL TROOPS CROSS TRANSJORDAN FRONTIER?

Advance Towards Akaba Port

BUT TEL AVIV DENIES ARAB REPORTS

Armistice Talks Continue At Rhodes

AMMAN, March 10. (P.T.I. Reuter): An Israeli force was reported today to have reached the Gulf of Akaba, at the head of which stands Akaba Port, where Britain's so-called "Oulton" force is stationed.

Transjordan sources here added that the Israelis were digging in.

A larger Israeli force, including heavy tanks, was said to have advanced down the Wadi Akaba in the Eastern Negev area of southern Palestine, which runs close to the Transjordan frontier, but to have been "repulsed" 30 miles to the north by the Arab legion.

Arab reports stated that a detachment from this column crossed five miles into Transjordan territory yesterday, reaching El Rusha plain.

ISRAEL DENIAL

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli spokesman denied reports of clashes between Israeli and Transjordan troops and said Israeli forces had not "crossed any frontier". Israel has no designs on Transjordan or Akaba Port, which is inside Transjordan territory", he added. (The Israeli military spokesman suggested, the Arab reports of clashes might be a cover for the possible intention of their crossing into Israel to create a "suitable atmosphere" during the present armistice talks at Rhodes).

Israeli troops on the Gulf are within ten miles of the British force at Akaba, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Oulton, consisting mainly of the first battalion Royal Lincolnshire regiment and service troops.

WILL LONDON ACT?

Political observers in Amman were speculating whether London would act to protect Transjordan territorial integrity under the terms of the British -Transjordan treaty invoked last December when the British force was sent to Aakaba.

JEWISH UNITS IN EGYPTIAN TERRITORY?

Arab legion sources said, it had been established that the Jewish plan was to reach the Gulf of Akaba.

Their forces entrusted with the task followed the Wadi Akaba a continuation of the Dead Sea, declivity which forms a natural boundary between Palestine and Transjordan.

The Transjordan Government, it was said authoritatively here, claimed to control the southern Palestine district of the Negev.

This triangle had its apex at the Port of Akaba and a base 44 miles inland stretching from Ghamr to the Egyptian-Palestine frontier to the West.

Well informed sources here said, Jewish units were stranded at Ras Negev shown on the map as Egyptian territory.

A Jewish column, advancing along the Sinai desert fringe had no alternative but to cross Egyptian territory, it was stated. Their course would be dictated by the terrain.

It was not known here whether the Egyptian Government would regard the Jewish action as a violation of the recently concluded Rhodes armistice.

LONDON REACTIONS

LONDON, March 10 (PTI-Reuter)—A Transjordan Government statement that Israeli troops were moving in the direction of Akaba, where British troops are stationed reached the foreign office today.

Sent by Sir Alex Kirkbride, British Minister in the Transjordan Capital of Amman, it was the only official news available, a foreign office spokesman said.

No reports from British sources were available, he added.

Britain, he stated, was awaiting a report from United Nations observers.

The impression prevailed in London today that Britain is in touch with the United States about the new developments in Palestine.

JEWISH FORCE ON RED SEA COAST

AMMAN, March 10 (PTI-Reuter)—A Jewish force reported last night advancing through the southern Palestine Negev desert towards the Transjordan frontier has now established itself on the Red Sea Coast, it was learned from usually reliable quarters here today.

It was stated to be digging and waiting to link up with a larger force advancing along the Wadi Akaba.

GOLD DUTY ABOLISHED

Kolar Mining Companies Come To Agreement With Mysore Government

BANGALORE, March 10 (A.P.I.): The gold mining companies of Kolar have negotiated an agreement with the Government of Mysore by which the Gold duty is abolished and is replaced by a system of profit-sharing between the Government and the companies.

A Government "communique" announcing this says:—

Government will introduce a bill in the Mysore Legislature for repeal of the Gold Duty Act on the basis of the conditional agreement now reached. The companies on their part will place the agreement before their shareholders for ratification.

The features of the new agreement are that propler provision is made for development of the Mining Industry and the seat of management and control of the mines will be transferred to Mysore State.

The agreement is calculated to increase the life of the mines and at the same time the dividend to shareholders will not normally exceed six per cent.

Communist Meeting Broken Up

SYDNEY, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): A large crowd broke up a Communist Parliamentary by-election meeting at Bourk, Western New South Wales, last night and demanded that the police "hand over" the Communist candidate and a companion who took refuge in the local police station.

The police ignored the demands. A Communist organiser said he had been hit on the head.

The crowd, which included many ex-servicemen, threw rotten eggs at the Communist speakers, expressed hostility towards Russia and the Communist Party.

The Communist candidate had his shirt torn off as he and his companion ran to a car and drove to the police station.

CONFIDENCE IN BEN GURION'S CABINET

TEL AVIV, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): The Israeli Knesseth—Parliament—today expressed confidence in Mr. David Ben Gurion's new Government and programme by 73 votes to 45.

After the vote, 12 men of the new Israeli Government were sworn in.

The Cabinet is a limited coalition based on the moderate labour party, religious bloc and progressives.

Israeli's Application On Assembly Agenda

LAKE SUCCESS, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): The President of the Security Council has forwarded Israeli's application for United Nations membership to the President of the General Assembly.

This means that Israeli's application approved by the Security Council, is now formally on the agenda of the Assembly when it convenes at Flushing Meadows on April 5.

ARMISTICE TALKS

RHODES, March 10 (PTI-Reuter):—Israeli and Transjordan Armistice delegates met at the Hotel Des Roses for the second successive day today to iron out their differences on the delineation of Armistice lines in Palestine—particularly in Jerusalem and its environs.

Points raised by each side concern freedom of access to Holy Places in Jerusalem battle-scarred old city. If settled, they may allow pilgrims access to their shrines in the approaching Jewish and Christian festivals of the Passover and Easter.

RAMA RAU'S FAREWELL TO WASHINGTON

Washington's Diplomatic Corps was fully represented at the farewell party given by Mr. Benegal Rama Rau and Mrs. Rama Rau on February 16, on the eve of their departure for India.
Left to right: Mrs. Rama Rau; Mr. Benegal Rama Rau and Mrs. Wellington Koo, wife of the Chinese Ambassador.

S. I. R. WORKERS DISOWN COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP

Preparing Memorials To Labour Commissioner

MADRAS, MARCH 10 (U.P.I.): REPORTS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS CENTRES ON THE SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY SYSTEMS GO TO SHOW THAT MORE AND MORE MEMBERS OF S. I. R. LABOUR UNION ARE DISOWNING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNISTS AND ARE PREPARING MEMORIALS TO THE LABOUR COMMISSIONER, CONVEYING THEIR READINESS FOR RECONSTITUTING THE UNION WITHOUT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE SAYS MR. J. RAMACHANDRAN, GENERAL SECREARY OF THE S. I. R. WORKERS' UNION, WHICH HAS VOTED AGAINST THE STRIKE, IN A PRESS STATEMENT.

Mr. Ramchandran further says that several members of his Union are touring the various centres impressing on the workers the need to avert the proposed strike organised by the Communist controlled union.

Continuing he says, that the mere postponement of the date of the strike from March 9 to 14 by Communist shows clearly that they have lost their hold over their members.

"DISTURBED AREAS"

MADRAS, March 10 (A.P.I.): The Madras Government have declared 5 taluks in Krishna district as "disturbed areas" in view of "Communist depredations" in those places.

The 5 taluks are:— Vijayawada, Gunnavaram, Tiruvur, Divi and Nandigama, including the Jaggapayet subtaluk.

SEC. 144

An order under section 144 Cr. P. C. has been in force in the District prohibiting communists and their sympathisers from holding any meetings.

The District Magistrate of Krishna clarifying the order in so far as it affected the disturbed areas, stated that contravention of the order would render the offenders liable to punishment with death. "The public are also warned", he added "that in the five taluks, magistrates and police officers, not below the rank of sub-inspector, have been empowered to open fire if necessary to restore order".

Arrests At Calcutta

CALCUTTA, March 10 (A.P.I.): Half a dozen persons were arrested by the Calcutta police this morning following a search of a cinema house in south Calcutta from where the police are stated to have seized several acid bulbs.

One person was arrested in Sealdah railway station area on a charge of picketing loyal workers.

Two persons, including a woman, were arrested today following the find of a country-made gun from their house in north eastern suburbs of the city.

W. BENGAL NORMAL

Railway traffic and operation of public transport services was normal througout Thursday all over the province, says a press note issued by the West Bengal Government tonight.

ARRESTED FOR PREJUDICIAL LEAFLETS

LUCKNOW, March 10 (API): The local police arrested a person, who was found pasting prejudicial leaflets on the walls of the East Indian Railway workshop and yard. A number of pro-Communist leaflets are reported to have been found in his possession.

NORMAL WORKING IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The railways, in Bombay, worked perfectly normally today.

Police precautions, however, continued unrelaxed.

Godse's Appeal Fixed For March 21

SIMLA, Mar. 10 (API)—The hearing of appeals of Nathuram Godse and six others convicted in the Gandhi murder trial before the East Punjab High Court has been tentatively fixed for March 21 and not March 23 as reported in the press earlier.

FOUR SECRETARIAT EMPLOYEES ARRESTED

CALCUTTA, March 10 (API.) Four persons were arrested today on charge of picketing in front of the West Bengal Secretariat buildings.

The arrested persons, who are believed to be employees of the West Bengal Secretariat, are stated to have shouted anti-Government slogans and also urged their co-employees not to attend office today: The attendance in all Departments, however, was normal.

(SEE PAGE 7)

AURIOL'S CALL FOR UNITY OF ALL FRENCHMEN

PARIS, March 10 (PTI-Reuter):—President Vincent Auriol today called for the "unity of all Frenchmen" and said France could not remain isolated and unarmed while others formed armed groups.

Addressing provincial newspapermen, he appealed to them to help the country avoid a "division of the French people into those who want peace and those who, it is said, want war".

THEY WALK OUT BY TURNS

Communists' Tussle With Non-Communists On Indo-China Issue

VERSAILLES, March 10, (PTI-Reuter): Communists and non-Communists today took it in turns to march angrily out of the Assembly of the French Union in which all French overseas territories are represented, after a hectic all-night discussion on Indo-China.

After officially closing the debate the Chairman of the Assembly and non-Communist members walked out when Communist group speaker, Raymond Barbe, insisted on discussing a Communist proposal to reopen negotiations with Ho Chi Minh, leader of the Viet Minh (Indo-Chinese Autominists).

The Assembly's Committee, meeting while Barbe continued to speak for over an hour, decided to exclude him for two months. Guards escorted him, without resistance, from the Assembly.

Shouting "Down with the Dirty War" (in Indo-China), 34 Communists and fellow-travellers followed M. Barbe from the hall.

The non-Communists then returned and approved by 89 votes to nil a bill to set up an elected territorial Assembly in Cochin-China. The Cambodian and Laotian groups, the near-Gaullists and the right wing overseas independents abstained from voting.

The bill was to be placed before the French National Assembly after the general debate on Indo-China due to begin later today.

Rs. 13 Crores For Ministry Of Works

NEW DELHI, March 10. (A.P.I.): Parliament today sanctioned over Rs. 13 crores for the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister in Charge took advantage of the occasion to assure the House that although projects like the Rs. 130 crore Rampadsagar Scheme had to be postponed for financial reasons, in general multi-purpose projects were looked upon by Government not in terms of dividend or profit but in terms of insurance value.

The Minister prophesied that he would die in a prosperous country. Tomorrow, the House will take up grants for the Commerce Ministry.

(DETAILS ON PAGE 10)

TRAVANCORE-COCHIN UNION LIKELY

Congress Committees For Integration: Menon's Disclosure

ERNAKULAM, March 10 (A.P.I.): Addressing a press conference at the Cochin Premier's residence here today, Mr. V. P. Menon, Odviser to the States Ministry, Government of India, disclosed that the two District Congress Committees of Cochin and Travancore had resolved to integrate their two States. There was, therefore, no difficulty in forming a Union of these two States.

Asked whether the integration of Cochin and Travancore States would hinder the formation of Kerala province, Mr. Menon said that he was only concerned with the integration of States. He added that the possibility of an Aikya Kerala could not, however, be ruled out. He also revealed that no final decision had been taken on the future of Cochin and Travancore.

KARENS OCCUPY MAYMYO

Fighting Takes Place 21 Miles North Of Mandalay

BRITISH PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO RANGOON

RANGOON, March 10. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Karen rebels have occupied Maymyo, Burmese Army Centre near Mandalay, and fighting is taking place 21 miles north of Mandalay itself, an official "communique" stated here tonight.

Government troops withdrew southward from Maymyo and the nearby airstrip of Anisakan, after a Karen counter-offensive, the "communique" said.

REBEL FORCEE ENCIRCLED

The "communique" claimed that Government troops had encircled rebel forces at Myitynge, a rail town seven mile south of Mandalay.

The evacuation of British Services Mission personnel from Maymyo in in progress it was officially stated.

The officer-in-charge of the evacuation said a British doctor and his wife had volunteered to remain in Maymyo to attend to Britons in hospital there.

Earlier today, five more officers and a number of other officers and a number of other ranks were taken by air to Rangoon.

First Batch Of British Civilians Reaches Rangoon

RANGOON, March 10, (PTI-Reuter): The first batch of British civilians has arrived in Rangoon from Maymyo hill station, 40 miles north of Mandalay, where fighting is going on between Burma Government troops and Karen insurgents.

Royal Air Force Dakotas on special flights will continue the evacuation until Saturday, all nationals of other countries might also be evacuated if they wished, the officer in charge of the evacuation said.

INDIANS NOT TO BE EVACUATED

It was understood that these will not include about 9,000 Indians, known to be grouped together for safety in Maymyo, whose evacuation is not now contemplated by the Indian Embassy here.

WATCH COMMUNIST AGENTS

Britain's Warning To Far Eastern Countries

LONDON, March 10, (U.P.I.): It has become known here last night that Britain has sent a warning to the Far East Governments to watch for Communist agents.

Constant frontier alert has been called by India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Malaya on advice from White Hall, writes the 'Daily Telegraph' Diplomatic Correspondent today.

The correspondent state that plans for tightening up of joint anti-Communist measures will be discussed between leaders of the Government of these countries and the British Ministers and officials who are to visit the Commonwealth capitals in the east.

CADET KILLED IN AIR-CRASH

AMBALA, March 10. (A.P.I.): F/Cadet Borker of the advanced flying school, R.I.A.F. Ambala, was killed in an aircrash yesterday while on a practice flight, six miles north of Ambala. The spitfire aircraft which he was piloting was totally wrecked. The cause of the accident is not known.

The funeral of the deceased took place this evening with full honours.

ATLANTIC PACT PROVIDES FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION

Text To Be Published Early Next Week

WASHINGTON, MARCH 10 (UPA): THE PRESENT DRAFT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT PROVIDES FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION BY MEMBERS IN CASE OF ATTACK ON ANY OF THEIR SHIPS, PLANES OR TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS IN A SECURITY ZONE, WRITES DONALD J. GONZALES, UNITED PRESS OF AMERICA STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

This was disclosed by authoritative sources as the eight treaty-planning powers awaited moves from Italy, Denmark, Portugal and Iceland to join the pact.

The provisions covering attacks on ships, planes and territories are in addition to measures to cope with bloodless coups and with attacks on each nation and its occupation troops.

The security region outlined in the pact is the Atlantic area, north of the Tropic of Cancer. The zone extends from North America eastward to include Algeria, and northward through Western Europe to Norway.

COLLECTIVE ACTION

In the event of attack inside this area, collective action would be started immediately through consultations of the permanent North Atlantic High Command composed of the treaty powers. Each nation would determine for itself, however, whether it would use force to repel the attack.

The decision to welcome Italy as one of the original signatories came as a surprise. While the United States and France favoured Italy's participation other powers were lukewarm in their attitude.

PUBLICATION OF TEXT NEXT WEEK

OTTAWA, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): All North Atlantic Union Governments are expected to have approved the pact by the end of this week, making it possible to publish the text early next week, Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, announced today.

"The expectation now is that the conference for signature of the pact will be held early in April. Earlier it appeared such a conference would be in Bermuda but now it is almost certain to be Washington", he added.

The British Cabinet was today considering the draft of the Atlantic Union Pact received yesterday from Washington.

April 5, is now tipped in London as the most probable date for the signature of the pact in Washington.

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS DRAFT

OSLO, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): The Norwegian Government may discuss the preliminary draft of the Atlantic Pact next week, Prime Minister Einar Gerhardsen said today. The Government would confer with the Parliamentary Special Committee on foreign and defence affairs before returning to draft, with any remarks found necessary, to the committee concerned in Washington.

A big parliamentary debate would be held before the final decision was taken, he added.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET DAY

LONDON, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): Britain's budget day is to be on April 6, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, announced in Parliament today.

Harbour Cruise For Reuter Mission

BOMBAY, March 10.

On a three-hour harbour cruise round Elephanta Island, the Reuter Delegation was introduced to the Bombay newspaper world on Thursday afternoon. The Regional Committee of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society organised the cruise and a party of 60 persons left Apollo Bunder at 4-30 p.m. on the S.L. 'Mira'.

On board the steam launch, the reserve that attends first introductions, swiftly gave way to a friendly and informal atmosphere and little groups were seen forming and reforming around the chief guests of the evening, the members of the Delegation. The Delegation which is in Bombay for a brief stay of some five days, was brought into intimate contact with pressmen.

Goody Seerval and his Orchestra added to the gaiety of the occasion. Particularly appreciated by the party were the songs sung by Aline D'Souza and the performance of Dominic Pereira

United Party Leads In South African Election

JOHANNESBURG, March 10 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Overall, the United Party held 75 of the 171 seats in the South African Provincial Elections.

The Nationalists held 55 and Labour Party and Independents three each. Results of 35 seats were still awaited.

The situation at 6 p.m. (local time) was:

Transvals (66 seats); United Party 27, Nationalists 22, Labour two, Independent two.

Cape Province (55 seats); United Party 25, Nationalists nine, Labour one.

Natal (25 seats); United Party 22, Nationalists one, Independent one.

Orange Free State (25 seats); United Party one, Nationalists 23.

Immersion Of Sarojini's Ashes Today At Sangam

ALLAHABAD, March 10 (API): The immersion of the ashes of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces, will take place at the Sangam at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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J. G. SHAH,
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

Office of the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi, the 8th March 1949.

PUBLIC NOTICE 9-CCI/49.

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G.I.P. RAILWAY
NERAL — MATHERAN TRAIN SERVICE

WITH EFFECT from March 11th, 1949, two trains each way as advertised in the current Two Anna Time Table will begin running between Neral and Matheran but train No. 166 Up leaving Matheran at 7-30 hours will arrive at Neral at 9-20 hours instead of 9-15 hours.

(3665)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

Office of the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi, the 8th March 1949.

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Government of India have decided that during January-June 1949 licences for import of newsprint from dollar area should be granted on the following basis:—

(i) Those newspaper publishers and dealers who have long term contracts with Canadian manufacturers for the supply of newsprint will be given licences for half their annual off-take as agreed under the contracts. Applicants should send with their applications their contracts in original for inspection before a licence can be granted;

(ii) Licences to other newspaper publishers and dealers will be granted at 40 p.c. of the c.i.f. value of their past imports made from dollar area during any one complete financial year between 1937-38 and 1947-48. Applicants should produce either the quota certificates issued to them during July-December, 1948, Bills of Entries or Auditors' certificate in prescribed form in support of their past imports;

(iii) All licences for newsprint will be subject to the condition that they would be valid only for import of newsprint at a c.i.f. value not exceeding £46 per long ton for imports of newsprint in rolls and £51/- per long ton for imports of newsprint in sheets.

2. Applications should be made to the Chief Controller of Imports with relevant documents as early as possible.

No time limit has been fixed, but it is in the interest of applicants themselves to send their applications with relevant documents as early as possible.

3. No applications from new comers will be entertained.

G. R. KAMAT,
Chief Controller of Imports.
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NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for the information of the Public of Bombay that the Bombay Municipal Schools Committee has decided to charge fees as follows, from 1st June, 1949 to all the pupils—boys and girls—attending the Upper Primary (i.e., V, VI and VII) standards as well as the Central standards of Municipal schools in the City:—

Std. V	Rs.	1	8	0
Std. VI	Rs.	1	12	0
Std. VII	Rs.	2	0	0

There will, however, be 30 per cent full freeships and 20 per cent half freeships for being granted to those pupils who are eligible for the same as per rules.

K. KHANDVALA,
Secretary, Schools Committee.
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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE of 6 Remington, 9 Woodstock and 2 Royal Typewriters, and 37 chairs on 18-3-49 at 11 a.m. (S.T.) at Sudama House Basement, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate by order of Regional Disposal Commissioner.

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Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from Messrs. Romer Dadachanji Sethna & Co., Attorneys for the Vendors, 14 K Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay or from the undersigned.

N.B.—PRIVATE OFFERS UP TO 5 P.M. ON 22ND MARCH, 1949 WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

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ENQUIRY INTO PRICES OF SUPERPHOSPHATE

Tariff Board President's Plea For Maximum Production And Minimum Prices

BOMBAY, March 10.

A call to Indian manufacturers of superhosphate to make concerted efforts for increased production with a view to supplying artificial manure to the primary producers at the lowest economic price and thereby make an effective contribution in increasing food production and reducing foodgrain prices as well as conserving valuable foreign exchange, was made by Mr. G. L. Mehta, President, Indian Tariff Board, during the inqunry into price of superphosphate held here on Thursday.

Dr. H. L. Dev and Mr. M. E. Rahman (Members of the Board) as well as representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Industry and Supply, Government of India, and producers of superphosphate were present.

CENTRAL PHOSPHATE POOL

The manufacture of superphosphate in India was undertaken before the last war mainly by one or two firms and the industry has largely developed only after the last war. The industry's claim for protection or assistance, which had been referred to the interim Tariff Board in 1946, was withdrawn in consequence of the constitution of a Central Phosphate Pool under the aegis of the Ministry of Agriculture. In operating this pool, the Government of India will be the sole importer of superphosphate and will also buy the indigenous output at fair and reasonable prices to be fixed by the Tariff Board. This imported and indigenous superphosphates thus pooled will then be sold to Provincial Governments on a 'no-profit, no-loss' basis by averaging their prices.

"A KEY INDUSTRY"

Describing the fertiliser industry as a key industry of national importance, the President (Mr. G. L. Mehta) said that, while other countries had brought great benefit to their farmers through the increased use of superphosphate, it was, indeed, anomalous that a predominantly agricultural country like India should have had to depend on foreign imports for such an important adjunct to agriculture as artificial manure. He visualised vast potentialities of the development of the fertiliser industry in this country in view of its close connection with the chemical industry on the one hand and food production and agricultural development on her other.

RAW MATERIALS

Analysing the pros and cons of the manufacture of superphosphate from indigenous bones as well as from imported rock phosphate, Mr. Mehta endorsed the recommendation made by the Tariff Board (1929) on the Heavy Chemical Industry that the balance of advantage lay in the export of indigenous bones and the import or local manufacture of rock superphosphate. India like most other countries, had to depend on imports for the principal raw materials, 'viz', rock phosphate (which is at present being imported from Moroco and Florida) and sulphur (from U.S.A.) required for the manufacture of sulphuric acid for the chemical conversion of the phosphate. Mr. Mehta held that the supply of these raw materials to the superhosphate industry at the different centres of production should be one of the primary objects of the Central Phosphate Pool.

POOLING OF PRICES OF INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION

Continuing, Mr. Mehta said that the fixation of a fair and reasinable ex-works price for superphosphate presented difficulties. One was the disparity in the working conditions and efficiency of the 11 Indian factories. Another difficulty was that in most of these factories, the production of superphosphate was ancillary or complementary to the production of other chemicals, with the result that no accurate estimate could be made of the capital cost relating to superphosphate manufacture and, consequently, overheads and manufacturers' profits could not be properly assessed. One of the methods of maintaining production and assuring reasonable profits to 'low-cost' units and to 'high-cost' units might be to purchase the indigenous output from various producers at prices which would cover their actual costs 'plus' a fixed margin of profit, and then to sell to the public at an average price.

WANTED—"AN AGGRESSIVE EFFICIENCY"

Stating that the vital factor governing the demand for superphosphate was the price, Mr. Mehta pleaded for an absence of profiteering combined with "an aggressive efficiency" on the part of the manufacturers and a readiness to market this necessary commodity at the lowest economic rate. "A policy of maximum production and minimum prices," he concluded, "would produce good financial results....The progress in the development of the fertiliser industry would be judge by the manner in which it is able to meet the vital needs of the primary producers who are the largest elements in the country's population and on whom ultimately depends the prosperity of the nation."

During the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that all the superphosphate produced in the country would be pooled and imports would be allowed only to tahe extent necessary to cover the deficit in internal production. The distribution was done through the Provincial Governments. The Central Government were purchasing superphosphate from Indian producers at a provisional price of Rs. 200 per ton, pending fixation of prices by the Tariff Board.

QUESTION OF ECONOMIC UNIT

The question of an economic unit for the production of superphosphate was then considered. The limiting factor was the production of sulphuric acid for which sulphur had to be imported after paying heavy ocean freight. Some of the manufacturers suggested that a plant producing 10,000 tons per annum might be taken as an economic unit, while others held that an economic unit would be one producing 5,000/6,000 tons. The present indigenous production of superphosphate is about 22,000 tons per annum, which is less than one-third of the installed capacity in the country. The target set by the Ministry of Agriculture for 1949 viz., 48,000 tons, was unlikely to be achieved, since, according to one manufacturer, there was no adequate demand for superphosphate. This was, however, not borne out by the experience in South India. The question was one of getting the agriculturists to use superphosphate, and it was suggested that the allotment of ammonium sulphate should be made conditional on the users taking certain specific proportion of superphosphate. The manufacturers also asked for definite orders to be placed on the factories, and that the production against such orders should be taken over by the Pool. This would enable the factories to work according to some plan.

The Board then discussed the various items which made up the cost of production. It was found difficult to assess the capital cost relating to superphosphate manufacture because it was an ancillary production of factories engaged in the production of various other chemicals As the cost of raw materials formed the bulk of the cost of production, some of the manufacturers urged that these should be supplied at a uniform price to all factories. The question of fixing a uniform price for all the factories and different prices for individual units of different zones was also discussed.

The inquiry will continue to-morrow when questions relating to certain overheads and prices of raw materials will be taken up

SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICE BEARERS

PATNA, March 10. (API.) Mr. Jai elected General Secretary of the All-Prakash Narayan was unanimously India Socialist Party at a meeting of the delegates to the Socialist Party conference here today. Acharya Narendra Deo presided.

The following office bearers also declared elected without any opposition:

Joint Secretaries:—(1) Mr Suresh Desai (Bombay) (2) Mr. Madhu Limpe (Maharashtra) (3) Mr. Prem Bhasin (Punjab) (4) Mr. Rohip Dabe (Bombay).

National Executive:—(1) Acharya Narendra Deo (U P) (2) Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali (Delhi) (3) Mr. Achut Patwardhan (Maharashtra) (4) Mr. Shibnath Banerjee (Bengal) (5) Seth Damodar Swaroop (U P) (6) Mr. K. B. Menon (Madras) (7) Mr. Munshi Ahmed Din (Bihar) (8) Mr. B. M. Nambiar (Kerala) (9) Mr. Ajit Roy (Bengal) (10) Mr. Surendra Dwivedi (Orissa) (11) Mr. Yusuf Meherally (Bombay) (12) Mr. Depin Pal Das (Assam) (13) Mr. Basawan Singh (Bihar) (14) Mrs. Karnaladevi Chattopadya (arnatak) (15) Dr. Rammanohar Lohia (U P) (16) Mr. Ramnanda Misra (Biar) (17) Maganlal Bagde (C P) (18) Mr Chottubhai Puranik (Gujerat) (19) Mr. N. G. Gore (Maharashtra) (20) Mr. Asoke Mehta (Bombay)

G. I. P.'s Approximate Earnings In February

The approximate earnings of the G.I.P. Railway for the month and to end of the month of February, 1949, amounted to Rs. 3,36,01,000 and Rs. 34,75,52,000 against the actuals of Rs. 2,83,78,000 and Rs. 27,52,88,000 respectively in the corresponding month of the last year.

TUSSLE FOR CONTROL OF INSURANCE COMPANY

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Coyajee).

Pingle Venkat Rama Reddy .....Appellant (Defendant).

Versus.

Sir Padampat Snghania .....Respondent (Plaintiff)

And

The Bombay Life Assurance Co. Ltd. .... Appellant (Defendant)

Versus.

R. Mathalone ..... Respondent (Plaintiff)

An interesting appeal arising out of a tussle between business magnates to obtain a controlling interest in a Bombay Insurance Company was disposed of by an appellate bench of the Bombay High Court.

INTERESTING CASE.

The facts out of which the case arose were interesting.

In July 1944 Sir Padampant started purchasing shares of the Bombay Life Assurance Co. Ltd. and the shares which were normally quoted at Rs. 250 went upto Rs. 2,000 in March 1945. Sir Padampat employed, amongst others, one Parmanand Gupta as his agent to purchase shares of this Company. Gupta agreed to purchase 667 shares on 25th July 1944 from one Bhaidas Gulabdas who was the constituted attorney of Pingle Reddy. On 29th July 1944 Gupta paid the price and obtained the share certificates with the relative transfer forms in respect of those shares. The tussle for obtaining control of the company continued between Sir Padampat and his party on the one hand, and Manekial Premchand Chairman of the Company and his party on the other. On 21st February 1945 the Directors resolved to issue 4596 new shares to be offered in the first instance to those who were shown as shareholders on the register of the company on 20th February 1945 in the proportion of four new shares for every five held by them on that date. The Directors reserved an absolute right to refuse any application for shares made by a person in whose favour a shareholder may have renounced his right. On 21st February 1945, Reddy applied for only 40 new shares, though he was entitled to 384 more shares of the new issue. A few days later Reddy received circular letters calling upon him to apply for 384 more shares or to forward the application form duly signed by him to Sir Padampat. Reddy replied offering to hand over not the application form "A" but the renounciation form "B" duly signed by him to Sir Padampat. Sir Padampat thereupon filed a suit against Reddy for an order requiring Reddy to sign and deliver the application form. A upon Sir Padampat giving proper indemnity and also for an order that Reddy upon receiving certificates for the new share with transfer forms in blank duly signed should hand them over to Sir Padampat. R. Mathalone, Court Receiver, was appointed Receiver of the rights of Reddy in the shares. The Court Receiver applied fo 384 new shares in application form "A". This application having been refused by the Company on the ground that Reddy having applied for 40 shares only, the offer of new shares with regard to the balance of the new shares to which Reddy was entitled had lapsed, the Court Receiver filed a suit against the company for an order directing the company to allot 384 shares and to put his name on the register in respect of those shares. In the suit filed by Sir Padampat, he had also claimed an alternative relief by way of damages to the tune of Rs. 7,29,600.

The trial judge, relying on 45 Bom. L.R. 46, had held that Reddy being a constructive trustee for Sir Padampat, was bound to apply for the new shares in his own name. He had further held that on a construction of section 105C of the Companies Act, Reddy's option to take the balance of the new shares was not exhausted merely because he had already once applied for 40 shares and that the company was bound to keep the offer open till the specified time, viz. 10th March 1945. The trial judge Mr. Justice Bhagwati had therefore decreed both the suits.

On appeals being filed in both the suits, Their Lordships agreed with the trial judge's decision on both points as far as Sir Padampat's suit was concerned. Their Lordships were, however, of opinion that the Receiver having applied for the new shares in his own name there was no proper application for the new shares before the Company, and that though the Receiver had made the application admittedly as a trustee for the party who might ultimately succeed in the main suit, under Section 33 of the Companies Act a company could not recognize any trust.

JUDGMENT.

In the result Their Lordships held that the Company was right in rejecting the Receiver's application for new shares and allowed its appeal against the Receiver with costs. With regard to Reddy's appeal against Sir Padampat, Their Lordships held that Reddy's refusal to apply for new shares was wrongful, but that the time for doing so having now expired the only relief which could now be granted to Sir Padampat was damages for the ascertainment of which Their Lordships referred the matter to the Commissioner for Accounts.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. P. N. Bhagwati appeared for Reddy and Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. B. J. Diwan appeared for the Company all instructed by Messrs. Kanga and Co.

The Advocate-General Mr. C. K. Daphtary and Mr. K. T. Desai instructed by Messrs. Ambubhai and Diwanji appeared for the respondents in both the appeals.

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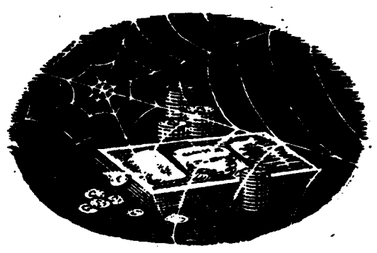
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To-day's Engagements

COTTAGE AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES EXHIBITION: Opening Ceremony of the Exhibition at the Sir C. J. Hall, Opposite Museum today at 6 p.m. The Hon. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industries, Government of India will inaugurate the Exhibition.

PARVARDEGAN CELEBRATION: Commencing from today (Friday) at Petit Fasali Ataskadeh, New Marine Lines, for ten days. Daily morning prayers and ceremonies. At 6-30 p.m. daily Dasturji Framroze A. Bode will conduct Hambandagi and thereafter deliver a lecture on different topics.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Our Other Objects" is the subject of Study Class at 6-15 p.m. today at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain.

INDIAN LANGUAGES NEWSPAPERS ASSOCIATION: Emergency meeting of the Executive Committee today (Friday) at 3 p.m. at 138 Medows Street, Fort, Bombay to discuss and formulate Association's attitude towards the Advertisement.

EDUCATIONAL LOANS TO REFUGEE STUDENTS

The Government of India's recent orders extending the educational loan benefits to the students passing their Matriculation Examination in the Second Division and wishing to pursue Engineering or Medical courses pertain only to refugee students from Western Pakistan, who are unable to continue their studies for want of funds.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION

Restrictions in respect of telegrams and telephone calls to Japan apply only to private individuals and not authorised dealers. List of such dealers are obtainable from respective banks.

MERCHANTS' CHAMBER MOURNS MRS. NAIDU'S DEATH

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber at their meeting held on Tuesday, the 8th March 1949, passed the following Resolution:

"The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber place on record their profound feelings of grief and their sense of loss at the sad death of Smt. Sarojini Devi".

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"ACT OF MEANNESS" FOR S. AFRICA TO REPATRIATE INDIANS

Manilal Gandhi Urges Delhi To Take Issue To U. N.

BOMBAY, March 10 (API): Mr. Manilal Gandhi, editor of the Durban newspaper "Indian Opinion" today described the South African Government's offer of increased bonus to Indians willing to return to India as "an act of collaboration with the hostile elements among the Africans to drive the Indians out by methods of frightfulness".

It was a sad reflection on the Government of a country boasting of its civilisation, that a minority community there should have to live in constant danger of losing their lives and property, specially when they knew no other home and their forefathers had given their sweat and blood for the country's prosperity, Mr. Gandhi told the Associated Press of India.

In these circumstances the offer was "an act of meanness". For Indians to accept it and thus "barter away their birth right" would be "equally dishonourable and cowardly".

It was time the Government of India took steps to move the United Nations for the protection of Indian, nationals in South Africa. Indians in that country without full citizenship rights "have a liability on India, and she cannot afford to sit watching apathetically" Mr. Gandhi said.

BRITAIN'S PRESENT TO NAUTICAL COLLEGE

Kitson Hands Over Engineering Manuals To Capt. Hamilton

BOMBAY, Thursday.

An interesting ceremony took place this morning at Nautical and Engineering College on the Azad Maidan, when Mr. G. V. Kitson, Deputy High Commissioner for the U. K. handed over to Captain Hamilton, Superintendent of the College a cheque for twenty pounds sterling, and a collection of Marine Engineering manuals. The cheque is for the purpose of purchasing further training manuals.

The presentation was made on behalf of the British Ministry of Transport in London and was a token of their interest in and goodwill towards this new merchant marine training school.

In giving away the present, Mr. Kitson said that the gift represents a tangible token of the British Government's goodwill and desire to assist in a field where India's need is particularly urgent and acute, namely, that of the training of officers for India's rapidly expanding mercantile marine.

INVESTIGATIONS IN MORARKA CASE COMPLETE

Arrested Persons Charge-Sheeted

BOMBAY, Thursday.

With the arrests of Dwarkadas Shrinivas Morarka, a director of the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Mills and two others yesterday, the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Bombay Police claim to have completed their investigation in the ace against the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Mills, Gokulchand Dwarkadas Morarka, the managing agent of the mills, and others under the High Denomination Bank Notes Demonetisation Ordinance and charge sheeted all the accused before Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court today.

It will be recalled here that on March last year two other directors of the Sholapur Mills namely Ramkuwar Shriniwas and Gokulchand Dwarkadas Morarka with Shantaram R. Dattar were arrested by the Anti-Corruption Branch police for alleged falsification of the records of the Sholapur Mills after the Demonetisation ordinance of 1945 was enforced by the Government of India. They were reported to have made false or partly false declaration in respect of 452 notes of Rs. 1,000 each. Later on June 5, M. J. Diwakar, the Secretary of th Sholapur Mills was arrested in this connection. But none of the ac-Mills after the Demonetisation Ordinquiries were in progress.

Yesterday the police gave final touchings to the case and arrested Dwarkadas Morarka, the third director of the mills along with Basantilal Ramkuwar, Shivprasad Balkrishna Padhya and Dwarkadas Nensi, members of the Mills Staff. In all five charge-sheets under section 6 and 7 of the High Demonetisation Ordinance were produced against all the 9 accused. There are 32 witnesses in the case which will come up for hearing on April 12.

Radio

BOMBAY, Friday March 11
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31.41 metres (9,550 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. M D Tendulkar Bhairav on violin 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Narayanlal Arya 8-30 Jyotsna Bhole
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from 7-45 to 11-0 p.m.
4-20 p.m. School Broadcast 5-0 Ansuya Doshi 5-15 V A Bhalerao 5-30 Parshurambuwa Parsekar 5-45 Eknatn Rao 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Programme Summary of Interlude 6-15 Ansuya Doshi 6-30 Parshurambuwa Parsekar 6-45 Eknath Rao 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local nAnnouncements and Weather Report 7-15 M D Tendulkar Violin par Tilak Wamod 7-30 Stree Shikshan 7-45 Ustad Faiyaz Khan 8-0 Abdus Salam 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Sadaat Khan 8-45 Gotuwadyam Par Kedar 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Narayanlal Arya 9-30 BBC News Relay 9-40 For the Universities 10-0 An American sketch Book.
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BARODA
25 metres (1,200 kc/s)
7-30 Vadya Zankar 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-45 D K Bhave.
5-30 p.m. Amritrao Gorle 5-45 Pratima Trivedi Gujarati Geeto 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Interlude 6-15 For Rural Areas 6-35 Apni Earmalsh 7-0 Nira Patel and Party Samuh Geeto 7-15 D K Bhave Flute recital 7-25 Sudhakar Mehta Vocal music 7-45 Topic of the Day 7-55 Film Sangeet 8-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 8-15 News (G) 8-30 National Programme 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Pratima Trivedi Gujarati Geeto 9-30 Amritrao Gorle Light songs 9-40 Sudhakar Mehta Vocal songs.

C. I. D. CRIME REPORTS

Munshi Cross-Examines Miranda In Morarka Case

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, defence counsel in the Morarka Case this afternoon concluded his cross-examination of Inspector C. J. V. Miranda of the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Bombay Police. Inspector Miranda was cross-examined by Mr. Munshi for 12 hours in all.

The allegation against Gokulchand Dwarkadas Morarka and the other accused, Rao Saheb Damjibhai Shah is that they attempted to bribe Inspector Miranda by paying him Rs. 1,00,000 with a view to get a case against the first accused under the High Denomination Bank Notes Demonetisation Ordinance quashed.

COPIES OF CRIME REPORTS

Mr. Munshi today produced two typed papers in the Court and asked Mr. Miranda whether the documents were the exact and true copies of the crime reports he had made in connection with the case against the first accused under the Demonetisation Ordinance.

The question was objected to by Mr. Boowariwala, Prosecuting Council but the Court allowed it to be put to the witness.

After comparing the typed documents with his Crime Reports, Mr. Miranda replied that they were the exact copies of the first and third crime reports in the Demonetisation Ordinance case against Morarka. Mr. Munshi: "Is it a fact that you had given the original documents to accused Rao Saheb Damjibhai to be shown to accused Gokulchand on the night of May 4, 1948?"

Mr. Miranda: No.

Earlier Mr. Miranda, replying to Mr. Munshi said that he had not promised to give the original crime reports copies regarding the case to Gokulchand nor was there any agreement between him and Gokulchand that the documents should not be handed over to him (Gokulchand) directly but through accused Damjibhai.

When on the night of May 4, accused Rao Saheb Damjibhai had come to his flat, the witness said, he did not hand over to him any packet of papers connected with the case against Morarka.

REMAND APPLICATION

Mr. Munshi also produced a carbon copy of the remand application made by the witness in the Court regarding the Ordinance case on March 30 and asked Mr. Miranda whether it was a fact that the copy was given by him to a press reporter before the remand application was made in the Court. Mr. Miranda asserted that he had not given any copy to any press reporter before the remand application was made in the Court but it may have been given after the remand application was made.

After Mr. Miranda's cross-examination, witness Nowsherwanji M. Kalyaniwala was called in the witness box. The witness replying to Mr. Munshi's cross-examination, said that he was arrested in connection with an Excise Conspiracy case on February 10 last year and in connection with the inquiries in the case he used to go to the office of the Anti-Corruption Branch every day. It was after his arrest that he came to know accused Gokulchand in the middle of March. Gokulchand, the witness said, used to come to A.C.B. office once or twice a week and it was there he came in touch with him and learnt from him that there was a case against him too.

At this stage the case was adjourned till tomorrow afternoon.

PT. OMKARNATH'S CONCERT

Sangeet Martand Pandit Omkarnath Thakur, celebrated vocalist, will give a recital at 9 a.m. on Sunday in the Gujerati Stree Mandal Hall Santa Cruz, under the auspices of the Suburban Music Circle. The concert has been specially arranged to give an opportunity to the audience to hear the morning Ragas in which Pandit Omkarnath excels. The Suburban Music Circle which has been arranging recitals by some of the best musicians of the day, has arranged to make the Sunday concert one of the most attractive in the variety of Ragas.

WEATHER

Weather Summary

POONA, March 10. (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather summary for Thursday, the 10th March 1948.

Observations from north-east India and Pakistan are very meagre but it is believed that the western disturbance over the West Punjab is passing away across the East Punjab hills.

There have been local thundershowers in the East Punjab hills and a few thundershowers in Assam.

Night temperatures were markedly above normal in and around Rajputana.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 11TH:—A few thundershowers are likely in north Rajputana, the East Punjab, the hills of the west United Provinces and in Gangetic West Bengal.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, March 10. (A. P. I.): The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st December 1948 and Departure from normal recorded at 8 hours (I. S. T.) on 10th March 1949:—

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FILM INDUSTRY MUST BE NATIONAL SERVICE

Diwakar Urges Producers To Drop Profit Motive

BOMBAY, March 10 (API): Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, urged representatives of the Indian Motion Pictuhe Producers' Association today to look upon the film industry as a national service and not a profit-making machinery.

"If you do not rise to the occasion and make the profit motive subserve the higher cause of the welfare of the people, a day will come when the nation will make us do so, and then all grace would be lost," Mr. Diwakar said.

The Information Minister appealed to them to look upon their calling as something vital to the development of national life and culture.

BAN ON "CIVIL & MILITARY GAZETTE" LIFTED

The Government of Bombay has lifted the ban on the entry into, and the sale, distribution or circulation within, the Province of the "Civil and Military Gazette" an English daily of Lahore (Pakistan). The ban was imposed on November 27 last.

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FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK

"SUMMER HOLIDAY"

At The Metro

Utilising a striking and revolutionary technique in its handling of tunes and lyrics, M-G-M's Technicolor musical, "Summer Holiday" brings a wealth of talent to the Metro screen. Here is a picture which scorns the use of its song hits as spot numbers. Instead the various songs, written by Harry Warren and Ralph Blane (and, incidentally, you'll be hearing two or three of them on the Hit Parade) are skilfully integrated as part of the dialogue itself, ranging on such varied topics of the dawn of the Twentieth Century as rides in a Stanley Steamer, Fourth of July beer-drinking contests, Gibson Girl frolics on a picnic—and of course, love. The picture is based on Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness!" which described in nostalgic terms the pleasures and near-tragedies of small town life in America of the early 1900's and, particularly, the case history of young Richard Miller who tries to carry the problems of the whole world on his frail shoulders. Mickey Rooney is Richard Miller, bursting to preach the "evils" of capitalism in his impassioned high school valedictorian speech; confronted with the difficulties of making his adoration articulate to eager but shy Muriel, played by Gloria De Haven; experiencing his first taste of worldly wisdom when he falls into

MICKEY ROONEY AND MARILYN MAX WELL.

the clutches of honky-tonk Belle (Marilyn Maxwell). Richard's dilemma, together with such other chronicles as the love of a spinster member of the family for the amiable but shiftless Uncle Sid, and the swift pace of small-town scandal when Muriel's father believes Richard's company to be bad for his daughter, are unfolded with both humour and an underlying tenderness which gives "Summer Holiday" an irresistible appeal.

Rooney and Miss De Haven figure in the roles of the adolescent pair who find ecstasy in the poetry of Omar Khayyam. Walter Huston and Frank Morgan are cast in the respective roles of Richard's baffled father and the mischievous Uncle Sid. Butch Jenkins is responsible for many of the pictures' laughs as the family's youngest offspring; Marilyn Maxwell has a standout part as Belle; and Agnes Moorehead is effective as the long-suffering Cousin Lily.

Among those who can take a bow for "Summer Holiday" are Director Rouben Mamoulian and Producer Arthur Freed. Together they contrived to present one of the screen's most original and delightful musical dramas

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

REGAL:
"ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON" starring Dennis Morgan, Dorothy Malone and Janis Paige.

NEW EMPIRE:
"THE PALEFACE" starring Bob Hope and Jane Russell.

STRAND:
"BELLE STARR'S DAUGHTER" starring George Montgomery and Rod Cameron.

METRO:
"SUMMER HOLIDAY" starring Mickey Rooney and Gloria DeHaven.

PARADISE:
From Friday 11 to Monday 14:
"Les MISERABLE" starring Fredric March and Charles Laughton.
From Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17:
"THE HOMESTRETCH" starring Cornel Wilde and Maureen O'Hara

BANDRA TALKIES:
From Saturday 12 to Tuesday 15:
"JESSE JAMES" starring Tyrone Power and Nancy Kelley.
From Wednesday 16 to Friday 18:
"MY DARLING CLEMENTINE" starring Victor Mature and Linda Darnell.

NEW MOVIE-HOUSE FOR BOMBAY

Indian Pictures To Be Shown In Comfortable Theatre

The LIBERTY, a new cinema house situated at 41-42 Marine Lines will enter the show business at 9-15 p.m. today with a special inaugural showing.

This ultra-modern theatre will show Indian pictures exclusively. The management of the theatre claims that it is built to meet the need of those who have long felt it was about time that those who wanted to see Indian cinemas should be able to do it in comfort, just as much as those who went to modern theatres to see foreign films.

This fine new movie house is completely air-conditioned and seats about 1,200 patrons in comfort. It is the only cinema in India with the new "push back" seats. This means that patrons of the new LIBERTY will never have to twist and squirm to allow late-comers to pass them. All that is required is a gentle push with the feet and they slide smoothly out of the way, to return to their original positions just as smoothly when the coast is clear.

LIBERTY'S inaugural showing will be Walt Disney's BAMBI in technicolour with Hindi dialogue and Indian background music.

"ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON"

At The Regal

Romance, music, drama and laughs accent Warner Bros.' new Technicolor musical, "One Sunday Afternoon" starring Dennis Morgan, Dorothy Malone, Don DeFore and Janis Paige, at the Regal Theatre. Raoul Walsh directed this film which is from the James B. Hagan stage-hit which won popular acclaim when it first hit the Broadway boards.

"One Sunday Afternoon" is a comedy romance. The appeal of this film recalls the days when the bicycle-built-for-two was being pushed over to the side of the road by the new-fangled contraption called the automobile. Ralph Blane is responsible for the music chores on this entertainment, which blends story with songs in the new Broadway manner. It was considered the perfect vehicle for Warner Bros. to utilize this new idea in film musicals. No sudden solos break up the continuity, nor is the usual accepted formula for introducing lines of dancing girls seen. Raoul Walsh has followed this new pattern closely in his direction, which is reported to strike fresh fields for Hollywood musicals.

"THE PALEFACE"

At New Empire

The Paramount comedy, "Paleface" featuring Bob Hope and Jane Russel gets an extension at New Empire. Hope has the role of a dentist whose unfortunate way of puling the wrong teeth keeps him constantly on the move. By sheer accident, he teams up with a glamour girl, Calamity Jane

BOB HOPE AND JANE RUSSELL.

(Miss Russell) in a town and is forced to leave the town in a hurry. Thereafter, Jane, unknown to Bob, works for the Government to discover who is smuggling guns to the Indians. She builds him up so that the bandits might take him for the Government agent. The mess Bob gets into as a result of this lends comic touch to the film.

"BELLE STAR'S DAUGHTER"

At The Strand

An exciting Western of the late nineteenth century, "Belle Star's Daughter" (Twentieth Century-Fox) is packed with thrills. Ruth Roman in the role of the outlaw's daughter gives an entrancing performance in the title part. Rod Cameron features as the law-breaking Dare-Devil and finds himself opposed by Town Marshall and George Montgomery in a succession of encounters which end in the law asserting itself with dramatic effect. Thrills, suspense and fights-to-the-finish hold the audience in a sustained tension. The theme is one that has been familiarised by a long series of Western pictures, each claiming authenticity of some degree. But "Belle Star's Daughter" is an outstanding Western.

TWO-CRORE LAND RECLAMATION SCHEME FOR BHOPAL

India To Be Greatly Benefited By It

BHOPAL, March 9 (A.P.I.): The Bhopal Government have approved a seven-year land reclamation scheme involving a turnover expenditure of about two crores rupees and the scheme has been accepted by the Government of India as part of the Central Government's general land reclamation programme for the country.

Major B. M. Vencoba Rao, Development Secretary to the Government of Bhopal, giving this information in an interview to the Associated Press, outlined in detail the basic features of the scheme. The main item is that of cultivating a major portion of a million acres of waste land now infested with 'kans' otherwise known as weeds. Operational details of the scheme include heavy tractor ploughing, light tractor ploughing, prevention of soil erosion, provision of bullocks to cultivators, establishment of cattle breeding centres and establishment of agricultural demonstration farms and multiplication farms.

Major Vencoba Rao hoped that when the scheme is completed, Bhopal would be able to make available to India a foodgrain surplus of about two and a half lakhs tons. The third feature of the scheme, he said, that it would result in complete economic rehabilitation of about fifteen thousand tenant cultivators.

Though the scheme involves a turnover expenditure of two crores, the initial outlay was only 75 lakhs, he said. This they hoped to make by taking a loan of 50 lakhs from the Central Government to be repaid in 25 instalments and raising the balance from local resources. This scheme now awaits the concurrence of the international monetary fund.

Provided funds were available, the Government proposed tentatively to convert an area of thirty thousand acres during 1949-50.

INDIAN FOOD SITUATION DANGEROUS

LONDON, March 9 (PTI-Reuter).—Sir Charles A. Innes, Chairman of the Mercantile Bank of India Limited, said today that the strain on Malaya's finances were likely to become intolerable if operations against Communists were long drawn out.

Speaking at the Bank's annual meeting, Sir Charles said there were fears that the long term prospects of the rubber and tin industries would be adversely affected.

"Prospecting for tin is now more difficult", said Sir Charles, "and there has been some slashing of rubber trees by the bandits.

"There is also some apprehension as to the future level of rubber prices."

Referring to the implications of the Communist victories in North China, Sir Charles said it remained to be seen whether foreign banks would be allowed to continue their part in financing China's trade. China, he added, could not be prosperous without foreign trade.

Business was at a low ebb in Burma, Sir Charles stated. Prospects of considerable rice exports were not hopeful this year unless the country was pacified by international action.

Sir Charles called the Indian food situation "dangerous." The ultimate solution for India's problems lay in more irrigation schemes, he said. Meanwhile imports of food on the scale necessary to provide adequate supplies must adversely affect India's balance of trade and create a difficult exchange position.

FORMATION OF UNITED KARNATAKA PROVINCE

Special Committee Of K.P.C.C. Touring Districts

HUBLI, March 9. (API)—Messrs. T. Subramanian and A. G. Bandigowda, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Negotiating Committee, appointed by the Mysore Congress for exploring ways and means for forming a United Karnatak Province inclusive of Mysore State, arrived here this afternoon. Messrs. S. Nigalingappa, V.T. Magadi, President and General Secretary respectively of the K.P.C.C. S R. Mangalveedu and Krishna Kumar representing the Karnataka Ekikaram Mahasamiti are also accompanying the party in their tour. The party, it is learnt, making an extensive tour of various industrial and educational centres in Bombay, Karnataka, Hyderabad and also Bellary district, to gather first hand impressions of the economic and other aspects of Karnataka unification.

The party today inspected an exhibition of specially prepared Karnataka maps. After discussion with a select gathering, the party left tonight for Gadag on their way to Hospet, Sandur Bellary and Adoni.

Steel Economy Campaign In Britain

LONDON, (By Cable)

Despite Britain's record steel output demand is still greater than supply and a nation-wide campaign is now under way to see that every ton of steel produced is used with maximum efficiency and economy.

To help the campaign Mr Charles Key, Minister of Works, has announced the appointment of a "Professional Institutions Committee on Improved Methods of Steel Utilisation" The chairman is Dr. David Anderson designer of the Mersey Tunnel —L.P.S.

Implementing Consolidation Of Holdings Act

Mr. Morarji R. Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue will leave Bombay for Nere, near Panvel, on Sunday morning (March 13) to inaugurate the implementation of the Prevention of Fragmentation and Consolidation of Holdings Act, there.

The Minister will return to Bombay the same afternoon.

U. S. TRAM CARS FOR BOMBAY

NEW YORK, March 10. (PTI-Reuter)—Seven New York tramcars will shortly be operating in the busy thoroughfares of Bombay.

The vehicles were hoisted on the Belgian Freighter Stavelot here yesterday and will arrive in Bombay on April 14.

Today's shipment is the first of three during which 25 tram cars will be transferred to Bombay's streets.

The tramcars are the property of Ebasco Services, Incorporated, New York, which acted for the Bombay Municipal Authorities in the purchase.

Each is 43 feet long, with a capacity for 54 persons. They were built between 1935 and 1940.

MOLOTOV'S NEW ASSIGNMENT

Control Of Remodelled Inner Defence Cabinet

WARSAW, March 8. (PTI-Reuter)—The Soviet Inner Defence Cabinet has been remodelled under the direct control of M. Molotov, who was released from his duties as Soviet Foreign Minister last week, according to information reaching political quarters here today.

M. Molotov was stated to have been charged with long-term co-ordination of the industrial and military potential of the Soviet Union and her Allies in Eastern and Central Europe.

This move, these sources stated, reflects growing Soviet alarm at Marshall Plan progress and the success of recent Atlantic Pact moves by the West.

It is believed here that the first task of the reconstituted Soviet Defence Cabinet has been to call an Eastern Union meeting of satellite service chiefs with their political and intelligences aides which is reported due to take place in Hungary shortly.

Some quarters here believe the next step will be the summoning of fresh Soviet moves to counter the growing western influence in Scandinavia and to discuss revised priorities for heavy industrial production.

JUBBULPORE: Mr. Vivian Bose, first Indian Chief Justice in the Nagpur High Court and the Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts' Association in India, visited the Scout rally here this evening and addressing the scouts said that they have a great responsibility to discharge in removing the religious differences and political inequalities that existed in the country. He advised them to adhere to the scout law faithfully.

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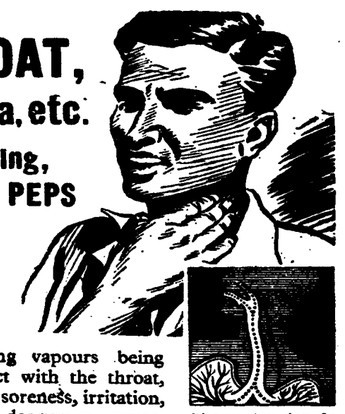

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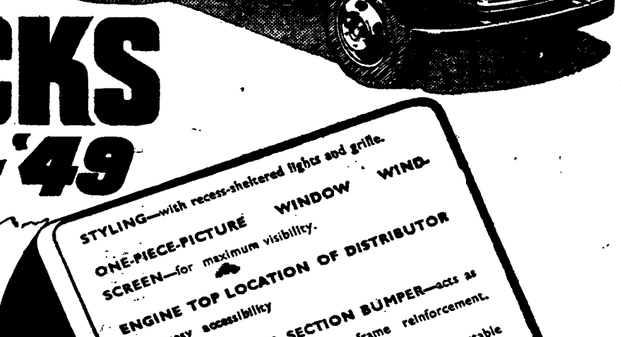

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INDIAN VEGETABLE PRODUCTS DISPUTE

Tribunal Award To Be Binding On Both Parties

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government of Bombay has passed orders declaring that the award given by Mr. Salim M. Merchant, Industrial Tribunal, Bombay, in the dispute between the Indian Vegetable Products Ltd. and its employees, shall be binding on both parties and shall remain in operation for one year from February 24, 1949.

The Workers' Union had put forward a dozen demands but an agreement was arrived in respect of promotion, canteen, Housing and certain other amenities.

Of the remaining demands, salary scales and dearness allowance are the most important. Mr. Merchant has directed three different grades for the employees of the Company. Grade 'A' is fixed at Rs. 70-5-110-EB 7-12-140; Grade 'B' at Rs. 100-5-120 EB-10-160, and Grade 'C' at Rs. 150-10-210EB-240. The bulk of the somewhat lengthy award is taken up with determining the Grade in which the various types of workers of the Company should be fitted. Different grades were also fixed for various workers in technical branches.

In the case of daily paid "coolies" the Tribunal fixed two grades: 'A' Rs. 1-6-0-As two—Rs 1-12 per day and Rs. 1-2-6 Anna One—Rs 1-8-6 per day.

In the matter of dearness allofance the Tribunal fixed 30 per cent of the first Rs 100 of basic salary per month and 20 per cent of the balance with a minimum of Rs. 65 The grale is to aply from June 1948.

JULLUNDUR: Eleven sudents of local colleges were arrested here today for alleged incitement of railway workers to strike. Seven of them were tried in the court of the additional District Magistrate and sentenced 18 months' rigorous imprisonment each. One was let off for want of evidence.

NEW CLOTH DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT NECESSARY

Dealers Protest To Government

BOMBAY, 10. March—Rationed Cloth Dealers of the city have seriously protested against the alleged careless and irresponsible way of working of M/s. Poddar Tradingg Co., the wholesale distributors of rationed cloth, appointed by the Government of Bombay and have also demanded that the Government should withdraw the distribution work from the said company and hand it over to a proper organisation of the dealers themselves.

This protest was expressed and this demand was made in a meeting called by the Federation of Bombay Retail Cloth Dealers Associations held recently at Anand Bhuvan Hall under the presidentship of Mr. Sankalchand M. Mehta President of the Federation.

Several dealers narrated at length many hardships they had to suffer on account of the working of the above-mentioned company and stressed the necessity of changing the present distribution arrangement and made the above mentioned demand. They also stated that due to inefficient and improper working of the said firm not only the dealers but the consuming people also were the victims of innumerable hardships and felt acute dissatisfaction which led them to buy foreign cloth, which harmed the national interests of India.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Sankchand M. Mehta and Mr. Amratlal Karsondas, the President and the Vice-President of the Federation respectively referred to the successful efforts of the Federation to get many harships of the dealers removed and assured the dealers that the Federation was doing its best to get their grievances redressed by the Government and will continue to do so until the success is achieved. They advised them to keep full fatih in the Federation for the protection of their interests.

They also said that a deputation of the Federation would soon see the Supply Minister would narrate to him the hardships of the dealers and request him to take proper measures to remove these hardships. They felt assured that they would succeed.

B. L. Railway Mourns Sarojini Naidu's Death

The B. L. Railway workers convened a condolence meeting in the B. L. Railway Indian Institute as a mark of respect on the death of Srimathi Sarojini Naidu. The meeting was declared open by Mr. K. P. Nair, Inspector of Works and it was presided over by Mr. A. W. Bruce-joy, the Agent and General Manager.

Mr. T. S. Subramanian, Chief Auditor, B. L. Railway in the course of his speech said: Srimathi Sarojini Naidu's death is a matter of humiliation and deep sorrow caused by unavoidable circumstances. Her flesh has returned to the dust only to remain there for ever, but her spirit remains and will remain with us as long as poetry remains with the world for she was the embodiment of poetry by which she brought a close synthesis between the East and West.

Mr. Modak, L. M. E. and Mr. Mani were the other speakers. Mr. A. W. Bruce-joy in his presidential speech praised Srimathi Sarojini Naidu very much saying: 'Here was indeed a shining star in the east giving lustre to the English literature by her gorgious vocabulary. Her poetry is her heart-pouring of human soul for the world at large to understand man as man.'"

Abolition Of Zamindari System

A Bijuri correspondent writes:—"A largely attended meeting of people numbering 2,000 at Bijuri under the presidentship of Mr Jagdes Prasad Shriwastawa passed the following resolution. "This meeting heartily welcomes the three schemes submitted by the Revenue Minister, Sardar Narmada Prasad Singh, and hopes that the scheme abolishing the zamindari system in Vindhya Pradesh will be soon passed by the Assembly and take its place on the statute book. It also hopes that the burden of the Kisans will be lightened by a rent reduction of at least two annas in a rupee.'"

ANOTHER CENTURY IN EACH INNINGS

Rege Becomes Tenth Batsman To Do So: Bombay Declare At 714 For 8

POONA, March 10 (API): Maharashtra, set to make 959 runs in their second innings to win their Cricket Championship of India semi-final match against Bombay, had made 273 for the loss of 3 wickets at the end of the sixth day's play today. They now require 689 runs for a win with seven wickets in hand.

A Ranji Trophy record was established when Rege completed his century in Maharashtra's second innings, the eighth of the match. The previous best was 7 centuries in a match between Holkar and Mysore in 1946, six by Holkar and one by Mysore.

The world record for the highest aggregate of runs in a match—2,078 runs established in the Ranji Trophy final between Baroda and Holkar in 1946—is also likely to be lowered when Maharashtra continue their second innings tomorrow as Maharashtra require only 24 runs to do it.

By scoring a century in each innings of the match Rege became the tenth batsman to do so the others being S. W. Sohoni and D. B. Deodhar for Maharashtra, Vijay Hazare, Adhikari and R. B. Nimbalkar for Baroda, S. M. Kadri, U. M. Merchant and D. G. Phadkar for Bombay and Mushtaq Ali for Holkar.

Contrary to expectations Ibrahim, the Bombay captain, did not apply the closure when play was resumed this morning. Raiji and Ramchand, the overnight not outs, resumed Bombay's second innings and added 42 runs in 17 minutes before the former was smartly stumped by Bhandarkar off Chowdhary. Ibrahim declared the innings closed at the fall of his wicket, the total being 714 for 8 wickets.

Bhandarkar and Palsule who opened Maharashtra's second innings made a bright start collecting 52 runs in 55 minutes. When lunch was taken at 83 they remained unbeaten with 47 and 34, respectively, to their credit.

The break for lunch proved disastrous for Maharashtra. Only one run was added to the total before Bhandarkar was dismissed, caught in the slips by Rangnekar off Ramchand.

Rege and Palsule thereafter settled down to some enterprising cricket. Rege opened his scoring with four fours and the 100 appeared in 98 minutes. The pair continued to score at a brisk rate and Palsule soon completed his 50 in 122 minutes which included 8 fours. With three successive fours off Phadkar Rege also completed his half century in 48 minutes aided by 7 fours. Rege was now executing some grand strokes and he was particularly severe on Tarapore. The first hour's play after lunch had produced 106 runs, Rege claiming 75 of them. When he was 86 Rege got a life when Mantri failed to hold a dolly catch off Phadkar. When tea was taken at 231 Rege (98) and Palsule (78) remained unbeaten.

The tea interval also proved disastrous for Maharashtra. Rege after completing his century in 124 minutes inclusive of 14 fours, was caught behind the wicket off Phadkar.

Maharashtra received another severe setback when Ramchand clean bowled Nimbalkar 15 minutes before close. Nimbalkar had made only 21.

When stumps were drawn for the day Maharashtra had made 273 for 3 wickets.

SCORE-BOARD

BOMBAY (First Innings) 651

MAHARASHTRA (First Innings) 467

BOMBAY (Second Innings)

K. C. Ibrahim c Bhandarkar b Dhanwade	59
M. K. Mantri b Nimbalkar	2
K. M. Rangnekar st. Bhandarkar b Chowdhary	94
U. M. Merchant st. Bhandarkar b Chowdhary	156
D. G. Phadkar c Rege b Gokhale	160
M. M. Dalvi hit wkts. b Chowdhry	42
P. J. Dickinson lbw b Rege	40
M. N. Raiji st. Bhandarkar b. Chowdhary	75
G. S. Ramchand not out 49	49
K. K. Tarapore did not bat	
Extras	36
Total (for 8 wkts. declared)	714

Fall of wickets: 1/4 2/65 3/181 4/483 6 518 6 571 7/672 and 8 for 714.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Y. N. Gokhale	29	6	86	1
B. B. Nimbalkar	17	1	107	1
S. G. Dhanwade	27	1	126	1
M. R. Rege	28	4	78	1
S. G. Chowdhary	47.4	0	210	4
S. G. Joshi	3	0	12	0
S. D. Deodhar	15	4	42	0
M. C. Datar	4	0	24	0

MAHARASHTRA (Second Innings)

Bhandarkhar c Rangnekar b Ramchand	47
Palsule batting	96
Rege c Mantri b Phadkar	100
Nimbalkar b Ramchand	21
Deodhar batting	3
Extras	8
Total (for 3 wkts.)	273

Fall of wickets: 1/84 2/235 and 3/260

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Dalvi	8	0	13	0
Ramchand	21	4	58	2
Tarapore	30	7	93	0
Raiji	13	3	23	0
Phadkar	18	5	75	1
Rangnekar	1	0	3	0

Baroda Enter Ranji Final

HOLKAR DEFEATED BY NINE WICKETS

INDORE, March 10. (A.P.I.): Baroda entered the final of the Cricket Championship of India by defeating Holkar by nine wickets an hour before lunch today, the fourth day of their semi-final match here.

The final, in case Bombay wins the other semi-final now being played at Poona, will be played in Bombay from March 18 onwards.

Forty minutes' play this morning sufficed to dismiss the remaining two Holkar second innings wickets First Hazare clean bowled Bhatnagar at 230 and ten runs later Shinde had Jagdale caught by D. K. Gaekwad. Jagdale had scored 40 runs at a difficult time.

Baroda required only 25 runs for a straight victory which were made for the loss of Sohoni's wicket.

SCORE-BOARD

HOLKAR (First Innings)	**133**
BARODA (First Innings)	**349**
HOLKAR (Second Innings)	
Kunzru lbw Vijay Hazare	11
Nivsarkar b Shinde	26
Mushtaq Ali c Nimbalkar b Vivek Hazare	16
C. K. Naidu lbw Vijay Hazare	55
Sarwate c D. K. Gaekwad b Sinde	0
C. S. Nayudu c Vivek Hazare b Shinde	74
Jagdale c D. K. Gaekwad b Shinde	40
Gaekwad b Shinde	0
Salim lbw b Vijay Hazare	1
Bhatnagar b Vijay Hazare	8
Jagdish (not out)	9
Extras	9
Total	240

Fall of wickets:—1 for 28; 2 for 54; 3 for 62; 4 for 64; 5 for 180; 6 for 196; 7 for 198; 8 for 205 and 9 for 230.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Sohoni	26	3	67	0
Vijay Hazare	38	14	68	4
Vivek Hazare	12	8	8	1
Shinde	38.3	11	71	5
Gul Mahomed	4	1	12	0
Adhikari	4	2	2	0
Ghorpade	1	0	3	0

BARODA (Second Innings)

Sohoni c Jagdish b Gaekwad	8
Vichare (not out)	13
Ghorpade (not out)	4
Total (for 1 wicket)	25

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Gaekwad	5	2	9	1
Jagdale	2	0	5	0
C. S. Nayudu	2.4	1	11	0

LANCASHIRE'S NEW SKIPPER

23-Year-Old David Howard To Succeed Cranston

LONDON, March 9. (PTI-Reuter): After only one full season in first class country cricket, Nigel David Howard, 23-year old batsman has been appointed successor to Kenneth Cranston as captain of Lancashire County Cricket Club.

Howard is the son of Major Rupert Howard who recently retired as Secretary of the Lancashire Club. He made his first appearance for the Club in 1946 and in 1947 scored 124 runs in seven innings when leading the side in the absence of Cranston.

Summer was Howard's first full season in country cricket and he aggragated 931 runs in 28 innings at an average of 38.79. He scored 145 against Derbyshire at Old Trafford.

STAY PROFESSIONAL

When Cranston announced his intention to give up the captaincy many thought that Cyril Washbrook, England's opening basmen, would be asked to fill the vacancy. Washbrook's benefit last season exceed £ 14.000 and it was thought that he would be approached to turn amateur and captain the side.

These rumours were dispelled by Washbrook, who is touring South Africa with the M.C.C.; he denied all knowledge of a South African newspaper report which indicated that he had received a letter from the Lancashire Club asking him to turn amateur and take over the captaincy. Washbrook declared the story to be pure imagination.

There is scant prospect it is understood, of Washbrook turning amateur-event to secure a captaincy—and his attention is to stay professional for the reminder of his career.

WEEKES TO PLAY IN LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

West Indies Cricketers Leave For Avonmouth

LONDON, March 10 (P.T.I-Reuter): The West Indies cricketers, who have been spending several days in England after their successful tour of India, left London for Avonmouth today. Among those who saw them depart were Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan and Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower.

Four of the party remained behind, A. Rae is to continue his law studies, E. Weekes will be playing in Lancashire League cricket this summer and G. Gomes and J. Stollmeyer are staying two weeks for business reasons.

WILLINGDON SPORTS CLUB ENTERS WOMEN'S TEAM TENNIS FINAL

Holders To Meet Bombay Gymkhana For The Second Successive Year

BOMBAY, Thursday.

With two of Bombay's leading women players—Miss L. M. Merchant and Mrs. Betty Stewart—playing for them, the Willingdon Sports Club experienced very little difficulty in winning their semi-final round against the Cricket Club of India this evening in the Women's Team Tennis Tournament for the Lady Dorab Tata Challenge Shield.

The Willingdon Sports Club, who are the holders of the Trophy, will for the second successive year be meeting the Bombay Gymkhana in the final, which is to be played on the Churchgate Courts of the Bombay Gymkhana tomorrow evening at 4 p.m.

The Willingdon's first pair, Miss Merchant and Mrs. Stewart won both their matches very easily, but the holder's second combination, Princess Kamla Raje of Baroda and Mrs. Bhat won one out of the two that they played.

The Willingdon Sports Club winning ultimately by three matches to two.

The final tomorrow evening promises to be very interesting, particularly as both the teams of the Bombay Gymkhana can be counted upon to fight every point to the bitterest end. Probably the result will have to be decided over the count of the sets, as Miss Merchant and Mrs. Stewart seem hardly likely to be defeated in either of their encounters.

The following were the results:—

Miss L. M. Merchant and Mrs. B. Stewart (Willingdon SC) beat Mrs. J. D. Mistri and Miss R. Bhandari (CCI) 6-3 61; beat Mrs. L. A. Mordant and Miss S. Chopra (CCI) 6-2 6-1.

Princess Kamla Raje of Baroda and Mrs. M. D. Bhat (Willingdon SC) lost to Mrs. L. A. Mordant and Miss S. Chopra (CCI) 3-6 4-6; beat Mrs. J. D. Mistri and Miss R. Bhandari (CCI) 6-2 6-3.

Willingdon Sports Club won by three matches to one

TODAY'S FINAL

4 p.m. Willingdon Sports Club vs. Bombay Gymkhana.

Mrs. Meherbame F. S. Talyarkhan, the President of the P.V.M. Gymkhana will preside and distribute the prizes.

INDIA INTENDS TO MAINTAIN LINK WITH COMMONWEALTH

U. S. Interpretation Of Nehru's Foreign Policy Speech

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UPA): Diplomatic and official quarters here today interpreted Indian Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's Parliament speech on foreign policy as indicating that he definitely intended to retain some link with the British Comonwealth although proclaiming India an Independent Republic.

Nehru's repeated insistence that India would avoid the 'slightest degree of dependence on any other authority" was not viewed here as presaging a complete break with the Commonwealth. Instead, it was interpreted by most political observers as designed to quiet in advance any fears which may arise that the formula Nehru and Attlee had worked out for continued Indian association with the Commonwealth members would not, in the slightest, impair Indian sovereignty.

The question of Commonwealth link and Nehru's reference to India's determination to remain neutral in East-West conflicts were the two points in his speech which aroused the most interest here. Nehru's assertions that India would keep entirely clear of any power blocs were not taken too seriously in informed quarters here.

While conceding that India might be able to keep aloof from actual alliance with any major power group, diplomatic and official sources said that it was inevitable India must be closer to the Anglo-American Western camp for some time.

They pointed out that historic economic ties as well as Indian desire for Western technological help meant India would for a long time, look mostly to the British and the Americans for assistance of various types.

One well-informed diplomatic source opined that Nehru's remarks on neutrality were made 'mainly for domestic consumption." This source said that 'as a matter of practicality, India must draw closer to the Anglo-Americans rather than the Russians."

All quarters here are awaiting with interest the revelation of the formula which they are certain Nehru has worked out with Attlee to retain some link with the Commonwealth.

One official source declaring that it wa 'obvious India would be a sovereign Republic whether within or without the Commonwealth," said, however, that it appeared some change in the concept of the Commonwealth would be necessary to accommodate India's desire to dispense the Crown as a symbol of authority.

The official said that while this undoubtedly would meet with Opposition from many Conservatives in England, it was believed here, in view of the broader considerations involved, it would be accomplished.

JONES BEATS MARSHALL ON LEVEL TERMS

British Champion's First Defeat Of Tour

CALCUTTA, March 10 (API): Robert Marshall, Australian and British Empire Billiards Champion was defeated for the first time on level basis by W. Jones (Bombay) by 81 points in his last exhibition match in Calcutta at the Great Eastern Hotel to-night.

Robert Marshall was not in his usual form. W. Jones played extraordinarily well and mostly on top of the table game and was throughout consistent.

Scores were:—

W. Jones 775. Marshall 694.

Jone's breaks were:— 131, 74, 60, 89 (and finished).

Marshall's breaks were:— 74, 159, 57, 53.

Marshall beat Capt. Sadler in snooker in three straight frame.

Marshall:— 58, 62, 57; Capt Sadler:— 24, 28, 52.

Oxford Crew Impresses

LONDON, March 10 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Oxford crew, building up for their full course trial on Saturday morning, were in superb form during today's training for the annual boat race against Cambridge University on March 26.

They reached a stroking rate of 36 and never dropped below 33 in a burst of rowing, and they pulled strongly and well together.

Cambridge did not attempt any serious rowing in their two outings, but there was evidence that they are gradually improving.

While they have not yet approached Oxford's high stroking rate the crew is balancing well and travelling smoothly.

Army Boxing In Poona

POONA, March 9.

Civilians who are interested spectators of the Southern Command Boys' Team Boxing being staged at the Poona Sub-Area Sports Ground this week are particularly impressed by the fitness and enthusiasm of the young boxers and the smooth efficiency with which the Tournament is being conducted.

As many more spectators are expected to attend the Final and Semi-Final nights, it is brought to their notice that the date of the Finals has been changed from March 14 to Saturday March 12. On this night the programme of nine fights will start at 6-15 p.m. and there will be an added attraction of an exhibition match between two well-known Army Boxers.

Bands will be in attendance, and the prizes on the 12th will be presented by the G.O.C.-in-C., Lt. General Maharaj Shri Rajendrasinhji, D.S.O.

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Boop's Fancy Puts Up Impressive Spurt

(By Our Track Reporter)

The following are the spurts noted this morning at Mahaluxmi:—

TAN TRACK

(BARA MULLA (G. Chavan) disposed of MARHABA (Kheem) and MUSAFIR (Antoo) when covering three furlongs in 37 secs.

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MAKARPURA (Khade) and BIHARI (R. Bhonsle) moved at 3/4 pace over three and recorded 38½ secs. Both are in fine fettle.

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COURT DANCER (Shivanna held GOLDEN SQUARE (Chavan) when engaged over three. Timing: 37 secs.

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ROYAL MANTLE (Jagdesh) and GINGER LADY (RB) were in close order at the end of a three furlongs spurt made in 36½ secs.

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GLITTER (Shiba) covered three furlongs in 37 secs.

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COURAGE (Dar) and COEUR D'OR (Aurobinda) did an excellent three furlongs spurt in 36 3/5 secs. The first-named was going strong.

PRINCE SEHANGIR (SK. Ahmed) spared five lengths from CROWN OF

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KOLHAPUR (RB) when doing a three furlongs dash in 36⅘ secs.

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BIG BLAZE (Roberts) strode in hand and recorded 36 3/5 secs for the three furlongs spin.

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JANE JIGAR (Kheem) shaped better than KHUNDIL (Antoo) when making a noteworthy four furlongs in 50½ secs.

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BOOP'S FANCY (Chavan) moved like a winner when sent over four. He clocked 50 secs.

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DINIAR (Roberts) beat PANKAJ (RB) when covering four furlongs from 8 to 4 in 52½ secs.

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RASHTRAPATI (RB) covered three furlongs in 37 45 secs.

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PLAY ON (Khade) and AARZU (Dashrat) moved on tight-reins when covering three furlongs in 37½ secs.

TUESDAY'S RACES, HANDICAPS

The following are the handicaps for the Extra day race meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 15th:—

THE BOMBAY CITY PLATE. (Horses, C II.)—Distance about 1 1/2 miles.

Mubarak 9-2; Jawahir 8-11; Jane Jigar 8-11; Doorani 8-11; Mimisan 8-9; Some Treasure 8-6; Oriental Spotlight 8-4; Post Master 8-0; Quicksand 8-0; Windsor Belle 7-2.

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THE GUJERAT PLATE. (Indian Horses, C III)—Distance 1 mile.

Rajpus Warrior 9-4; Repartee 9-1; Goodwill 9-0; Asoka 8-13; Aan Baan 8-11; Chin Up 8-10; Near Image 8-9; Cocktop 8-8; Black Page 8-7; Shubh Luxmi 8-7; Futurity 8-6; Windsor Park 8-3; Rana Pratap 7-13; Himat 7-13; Dragon Seed 7-12; Sohni 7-12; Put All 7-9; Paramount Power 7-8; Georgie 7-8; Pride d'Antibes 7-8.

THE CATTLE PLATE. (Indian Horses, C IV)—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Courage 9-2; Game Bid 9-1; Saita 8-13; Nirvana 8-12; Filmindia 8-12; Pan Supari 8-8; Panditji 8-6; Coeur d'Or 8-5; Prospero 8-4; Sir Galahad 8-3; D. Day 8-2; Nasrullah 8-2; Super Charge 8-1; Rang Rao 8-1; Battling Admiral 8-1; Windsor Knight 8-1; Taslaroon 7-13; Fashion Parade 7-7.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

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THE CHILDREN PLATE. (Indian Horses, C V, Winners)—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Mardan 9-2; Battle Out 9-1; Wet Bob 9-1; Valiant Prince 9-0; Flying Clipper 8-10; Luminary 8-8; Brilliant Sunshine 8-7; Her Excellency 8-7; Golden Square 8-6; Torrent 8-6; Ginger Lady 8-5; Puri Pakodi 8-4; Pure Emerald 8-4; Pearl Mahal 8-3; Queen's Cup 8-3; Adorable 7-11; Galatea 7-10; Miss Rutty 7-0; Yipee 7-0.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

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THE WELFARE PLATE. (Terms-Indian Horses, 4 yrs old and over, C V, Maidens)—Distance 5 furlongs.

DIVISION I.

Gipsy Flower 9-0; Poppet 9-0; Fowzia 9-0; Rubayat 8-13; Full Poppy 8-12; Golden Pom 8-11; Royal Blessings 8-11; Cordial 8-11; Mussoorie 8-9; On and On 8-7; Gwalior Express 8-7; Ganga Singh 8-3; Supriya 8-3; Izador 8-0; Duchess of Ramgarh 8-0; Who Knows 7-12.

To be ridden on even terms by Apprentice Jockeys who have not ridden 10 or more winners.

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DIVISION II.

Hind Vijay 9-0; Red Spear 8-13; Vagabond Prince 8-13; Icy Hot 8-11; Bella 8-9; Flash Ena 8-8; Kiss Miss 8-8; Lalkar 8-8; Lakshmi Devi 8-8; Jai Malhar 8-6; Shahistah 8-6; Gurjari 8-5; For Ever Amber 8-4; Crepe de Chine 8-4; Fair Rose 8-3; Titina 8-3; Leading Lady 8-2; Eileen 8-2.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

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THE RELIEF PLATE. (Terms-Indian Horses, 3 yrs old only, C V, which have not placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.)—Distance 6 furlongs.

DIVISION I.

Your Majesty 9-0; Aarzu 9-0; Zalim 9-0; Tawaqui 9-0; Bara Mulla 9-0; Summer Lightning 9-0; Par Excellence 9-0; Rustum 9-0; Lira Malt 9-0; Triple Alliance 9-0; My Will 9-0; Pelion 9-0; Lady Doctor 8-11; Florida 8-11; Kantaka 8-11; Chiffon 8-11; Kammu 8-11.

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DIVISION II.

Loyal Prince 9-0; Poldo 9-0; Musafir 9-0; Marhaba 9-0; Gang Bhup 9-0; Gipsy Bill 9-0; The Conqueror 9-0; Sparkling Star 8-11; Nynon 8-11; Georgette 8-11; Janeman 8-11; True Love 8-11; Night Queen 8-11; Lisalee 8-11; Chhoti Begum 8-11; Mumtaz Mahal II 8-11; No No Nanette 8-11; Sweet Love 8-11; Malka 8-11.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

"VOTE FOR THOSE WHO SERVE YOU"

Dr. Prasad Addresses Large Gathering At Indore

INDORE, March 9 (A.P.I.): The artificial barrier created by the British between the Provinces and States in India during the past, has now been rooted out and some 500 states have been either integrated or merged and are now on a par with the provinces. This was a great achievement on the part of the Government of India, observed Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly, addressing a large public meeting here tonight.

Dr. Prasad who is visiting Indore after a lapse of 31 years, was cheered lustily as he rose to address the gathering.

Continuing, Dr. Prasad referred to the various problems confronting the country and the Government such as food and refugees and appealed to the audience to extend their wholehearted co-operation to the Government in rooting out the various social evils prevailing in the country.

He referred to the coming general elections in 1951 and said that out of the estimated 36 crores of people in India about 18 crores were expected to exercise their franchise. He advised them to use their discretion while voting and cast their votes in favour of those who serve them.

In conclusion Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that people now would get the Government they deserved. It was their duty to choose the right type of leaders. They had achieved freedom by following the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. It was only by continuing to stick to those teachings that India could be happy and prosperous in the future, he said.

Cemetery Workers Disaffiliate From C.I.O.

NEW YORK, March 9. (UPA)—Striking Catholic cemetery workers today disaffiliated from a CIO union which Francis Cardinal Spellman said was "Communist dominated" and joined an AFL union.

Members of the local 240 Cemetery Workers' Union who struck at Cavalry Cemetery for higher wages voted last night to transfer to the Building Service Employees' Union of the AFL.

The Cemetery workers were affiliated with the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers' Union which was condemned by the Cardinal.

Union officials said that they did not know whether their action would have any effect on sterling the strike.

The strike began January 13 when trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral, owner of the cemetery, refused to pay the workers the same wage of $59.00 for a five-day week which they have been paying for six days.

Excise Officers Charge-Sheeted

Mr. S. R. Angadi and Mr. Vasant S. Sawant, Superintendents of Bombay Excise Department were today charge-sheeted before Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, for alleged accepting illegal gratification.

Both the accused who are at present under suspension, reported to have entered into a conspiracy and allowed liquor meant for Jawahar State to be disposed off in Bombay. For this they are alleged to have received systematic payments of large sums of money as illegal gratifications and also valuable articles from the liquor licensee-involved in the fraud.

Three charge sheets were made against Mr. Angadi which include the one for receiving a gold bar valued at Rs. 24,822 from Nowsherwanji Kalyaniwala a liquor licensee of Kalyan.

The case will come up for hearing on April 24.

MURDER OF CITY MILL OFFICER

Mystery surrounds the cold-blooded murder of a Supervisor of a city Mill at midnight yesterday.

Ramnikial Chaganlal Modi, the deceased, who was a Supervisor of the Popular Mills, was, it is said, returning home after finishing his night shift at twelve o'clock, last night. He was set upon by some unknown persons who stabbed him to death and absconded.

He was found lying dead, in a pool of blood, not far from the Mill premises.

The Police are investigating.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

Proctor Keep City's Tally Low

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Bombay City 'A' playing their return fixture in the Women's Hockey League, Senior Division, this time only managed to beat the Proctor's by four clear goals. Last time in the first encounter the City piled up ten goals against their opponents and credit for those small score goes to Edna Arkle and Phyths Arkle, who defended admirably. Mention must be made of Miss Montes in goal who managed to bring off some nice saves by putting her legs in her and there and making them really spectacular.

City 'A' opened their account through Mrs. Louise Lynn. Then Miss. Rodrigues completed the half time score of two goals. On resumption Miss Lorrine Jackson added two more to complete her sides tally of four goal before the call of time.

SCHOOLS' HOCKEY LEAGUE

Exciting Wins For Little Flower And Don Bosco's

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In the Schools League for the Ahmed Sailor Cup this evening on the Association Ground. Little Flower High School gained a solitary goal win over St. Mary's High School.

Earlier Don Bosco High School easily accounted for Antonio D'Souza High School by the odd goal in three.

Both matches proved to be very interesting and a ding-dong struggle for supremacy was witnessed. St. Mary's deserve special mention for they made the most of a losing battle and were rather unlucky to lose. Don Bosco, who were the Fr. Palacious League champions fought an easy battle and won against a weak side.

Cosmas Vaz scored the all important goal for Little Flower High School against St. Mary's.

Sydney and Cedric scored for Don Bosco's while Desey Pereira reduced the margin for Antonio D'Souza.

WOMEN'S BILLIARD IN BOMBAY

Miss N. Arajanvala Win On Opening Day

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Bombay's only Open Billiard Tournament for Women, sponsored by the P.V.M. Gymkhana, who incidentally are doing all that is possible to encourage women's sport, commenced this evening at the P.V.M. Gymkhana's table.

The only match played on the first day resulted in a comfortable victory for Miss Nargesh Arajanvala, who started with a handicap of—30. By the time Miss Arajanvala had completed her 200 points up for the game, her opponent, Miss Tehmi Wadia had scored barely a hundred and two after which included her —50 start that she received by way of handicap.

TODAY'S MATCH

6-30 p.m. Miss Coomie Adenwala (—60) Vs. Miss Maki Canteenwala (—50).

Northern India Tennis Results

NEW DELHI, March 10 (A.P.I.): Following are results of the matches played today in the Northern India Tennis Championships:—

JUNIOR SINGLES:—

Kuldip Uri beat Inder Mohan, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1; Rajeshwar Kumar beat Brij Mohan Puri 6-4, 6-0.

JUNIOR DOUBLES:—

Pritam Mehta and Prem Sagar beat Binod Singh and Natwag Singh 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; Kuldip Puri and Inder Mohan beat Rajeshwar and Juneja 6-0, 9-7.

MEN'S SINGLES:

Dilip Bose beat K. K. Bhatnakar, 6-0, 6-0; Balwant Singh beat Dhamija 6-3, 6-[illegible]; Narendra Nath beat Afsar Hussain 6-2, 6-2; M. V. Deo beat Sohan Lal 6-0, 8-6.

MIXED DOUBLES:

Miss Hanna and Dilip Bose beat Mrs. Mody and Balwat Singh 6-2, 6-2; Mrs. Disby and Narendra Nath beat Mrs. Singh and Afsar Hussain 6-2, 6-2.

O'Sullivan May Fight In America

LONDON, March 10 (P.T.I-Reuter): Danny O'Sullivan, the London bantamweight may be given a chance of fighting Manuel Ortiz in America for the world title.

His manager said today that the Madison Square Jarden authorities had asked him if he is prepared to take O'Sullivan over to meet Ortiz, and he has replied enquiring what terms and date are proposed. If they are satisfactory, and providing the British Board of Control is agreeable, O'Sullivan will go.

East Punjab Enter Semi-Final Of National Hockey

NEW DELHI, March 10 (API): The East Punjab Eleven entered the semi-finals of the National Hockey Championship today by beating Mysore Eleven by two goals to nil.

In the Day's Sport

TENNIS

Bombay Gymkhana Courts, Churchgate

4 p.m. Women's Team Tennis Championship (Final)

SWIMMING

Victoria Swimming Bath, Back Bay

9 p.m. Asian Aquacade of 1949

BILLIARD

P. V. M. Gymkhana

6-30 p.m. Women's Open Billiard Tournament

HOCKEY

Association Ground

4-40 p.m. St. Sebastian's vs. Little Flower.

5-40 p.m. Gray's 'A' vs. Lusitanian's 'A'.

Bombay's 1949 Football Season

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HARWOOD LEAGUE:

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO ALL DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUE MAY BE FORWARDED FOR CONSIDERATION

The Bombay Chronicle

The lure that draws heroic souls is not the success which can easily be achieved but defeat and tribulation in the pursuit of the unattainable.

—JAGDISH CHANDRA BOSE.

INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENT

The trend of discussion in the Dominion Parliament on the industrial policy of the Central Government shows the growing confidence of the country in the soundness of the essential features of that policy. Dr. Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, made it clear, with facts and figures, that the Government programme is carefully balanced so as to be fair and equitable to all the interests concerned. Most encouraging is the fact disclosed by him that industrial production in 1948 marks an increase of 12 to 16 per cent over the output in 1947. This fact and the repeated clarification by Government of its industrial policy, best illustrated by the trends in the budget for 1949-50, are calculated to reassure enlightened industrialists. And Sir H. P. Mody has reason to appeal to industrialists to shed their fears about Government's policy and come out in support of the policy. There is less unrest in labour circles, too, as otherwise there could not have been any increase in production worth mentioning. There is also ample direct evidence to show that workers in general are ill-disposed to respond to irresponsible leaders' wanton incitement to strike. The public on their part have come to realise better that the persistent high prices are due less to the present Government's policy than to the reckless inflation indulged in by the old regime. Altogether the country feels, with Dr. Mookerjee, that it has turned the corner and that, with the co-operation of all concerned, we can well tide over the difficulties still confronting us.

Not the least gratifying feature of the present policy is the direct part that Government takes in production. It has already nearly completed the construction of a fertiliser factory which promises to be the biggest in Asia, has sanctioned the establishment of a telephone factory and another for the production of penicillin and sulfa drugs, has under active consideration plans for one or two factories for the manufacture of one million tons of steel. Government has also decided to establish a big cement factory capable of producing 350,000 tons of cement per year not less helpful is the work of the Industrial Finance Corporation which has already financed about twelve different industries in different parts of India. Assistance to small scale industries has not been so far been as conspicuous as it could and should have been. This vital supplement to large-scale industries should not be the exclusive concern of provincial Governments. We are, however, now assured that an All-India Board which met a few weeks ago has formulated a programme of action which, with the co-operation of the provinces, may be expected to solve the difficult problem of widely decentralised small industries.

Despite all these achievements of the Government and the general improvement in the industrial production, there is obviously no room for complacence. Dr. Mookerjee himself admits that the question of cotton supply to the textile industry has become a "serious problem". For as against the normal consumption of 45 lakh bales of cotton our production is now only 28 lakh bales and the Agriculture Minister expects this year a yield of not more than 23 lakh bales. Self-sufficiency in the production of cotton is as possible and necessary as in the production of food. At present many cultivators think that the production of cotton is not as paying as the production of food, say of groundnuts in lieu of cotton. The production of food and cotton, should be so planned and controlled as to ensure an adequate supply of both necessaries of life. To this end we welcome the proposal of the Central Government to move a change in the constitution so as to make cotton a centrally reserved commodity. This would help the formulation of a uniform policy of control in all the provinces and states. At present it is widely felt that control is not evenly distributed, that, for example, there is no fair relation between cotton prices and textile prices. The subject needs careful investigation by the Central and Provincial Governments. As Mr. Krishnamurthi Rao observed, the present industrial policy is fundamentally sound but there are certain loose ends which need to be tied up.

Food Control In Bombay

The Bombay Government's policy of food control has been subjected to severe criticism in the Legislative Assembly and the criticism does not seem to be entirely unmerited. The generally admitted wide extent of the black market lends support to the complaint that the control is not as effective as it could be. One reason why the producers give up their surplus to the black marketers rather than to Government is that the price paid by the latter is not high enough. A slight increase in the price may not only reduce the temptation to resort to the black market but will also be an incentive to increased production. That will ordinarily mean a slightly higher price to the consumer, but the rise can be prevented if the Central Government gives a higher subsidy to the deficit provinces. It is also necessary that the Bombay Government should press for more help from the surplus provinces co-ordination between provinces at present leaves much to be desired.

The most effective way out of the many difficulties and anomalies of control is obviously increased production. One of the objects of the recent radical reform in tenancy legislation in Bombay was increased food production. But in certain parts of the province the new Tenancy Act seems to have led to much discontent as a result not so much of the new Act as of its actual working by local officials under instructions from the higher authorities. In some districts there is said to be less production than before. In the interest, therefore, of the tenancy reform in question as well as food production it is desirable for Government to appoint a Committee to investigate how the new Tenancy Act has been worked in actual practice and, in particular, how far it has affected cultivation.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

NEW YORK, March 9, (U.P.A.): It was currently reported that Russia had shifted her sights in the East-west Cold War to the Eastern Mediterranean.

Reports from Istanbul said the Soviet Government had asked the Turkish Government to outline its attitude towards the projected North Atlantic Pact and a possible companion Mediterranean Pact.

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Mr. S. Guruswamy, the General Secretary of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, warns that "vigilance cannot be relaxed in the belief that the threatened strike by the dissident railway unions will not come off."

No certainly not. And we hope Government will not be—er—criticised for acting vigilantly.

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Calling attention to the "long standing bona fide' grievances of the workers", Mr. Guruswamy says: "the present situation is a challenge to the leadership of the Railwaymen's Federation and to the railway administration to inspire confidence in the workers."

Also, we hope, confidence in the workers of their obligations to the bona fide interests of the country.

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Speaking in the Industries debate in Parliament, Sir H. P. Mody said that a clear pattern of industrial policy was now emerging and he found in the last few months the cry of nationalization at any rate had been put in a proper perspective.

Good. Now it is up to the industrialists to keep the perspective "proper".

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According to an A.P.I. report from Jammu, hundreds of Muslims from all parts of "Azad Kashmir" have arrived at Kotli, Poonch and Tithwal on the border dividing "Azad Kashmir" and territory under the Kashmir Government, to cross into the latter area.

Peculiar people these; we mean to want to come and be—genocided?

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The U.P.I. reliably understands in London that the Soviet Union has offered India motor cars, trucks and tractors, in the course of her trade negotiations with India.

Which is much better and more sensible than offering insinuations and slanders in the U. N. Economic and Social Council.

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THE HAGUE, March 9: The round table conference on Indonesia, due to begin on Saturday, March 12, has been postponed for a few weeks, it was learned today.

It is trusted that this postponement will be regarded as an opportunity graciously given by the Dutch to the Security Council to revise its hitherto recalcitrant attitude.

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Berlin report: German Communist leaders have warned Western German parliamentarians to stop drafting the West State constitution at Bonn or face the "judgment of the people."

These parliamentarians had better take the warning too. For, otherwise, who knows they might not one day find themselves facing a trial and confessing their guilt.

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Moscow radio announces that Alexander Ilarionovich Yefromov has been named Deputy Premier and thus freed of "responsibilities" of Minister for Machine Tool building industry.

How many does that make now? And when will the building up of a composite substitute Stalin be completed?

Children's Hospital As Mrs. Naidu Memorial

TOP LEADERS APPEAL FOR TEN-LAKH FUND FOR 100-BED BUILDING AT ALLAHABAD

H. E. SRI RAJAGOPALACHARI, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA, DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD, PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, PT. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, DR. S. PATTABHI SITARAMAYYA, PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR, INDIA'S HEALTH MINISTER, MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD, INDIA'S EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. B C. ROY, PRIME MINISTER OF WEST BENGAL, PT. GOVIND BALLABH PANT, PRIME MINISTER OF U.P., DR. JIVRAJ MERTA, PRIME MINISTER OF BARODA AND MRS. URMILA MEHTA, PRESIDENT, ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, HAVE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING APPEAL:

On this tenth and last day of the funeral ceremonies of our beloved and illustrious sister Sarojini Devi, we make this announcement of our desire speedily to bring into being a humble but worthy and appropriate memorial to keep her memory sweet and fresh. It was suggested by those who were at the bank of the Gomti, where the mortal remains of our dear departed colleague were consigned to the elements, that to the cluster of beautiful memorials that have come into being round about Anand Bhavan at Allahabad, an addition may be made in the shape of a good modern well-equipped hospital for children. We agreed at once that this would be a fitting memorial to one who so greatly loved and was so beloved of the little ones of India.

COST OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

A children's hospital to accommodate at one time a hundred patients and built on grounds contiguous to the Kamla Nehru and Begum Azad Memorials so as to be managed in co-operation with them would function with considerable economy of expenditure and with advantage to all concerned.

The structure and equipment and part endowment of the Sarojini Naidu Memorial Children's Hospital has been estimated to cost Rs. 10 lakhs.

We accordingly make this appeal for that amount.

We trust the friends and admirers of our beloved and illustrious fellow-toiler, whom death has so cruelly taken away from us, will gladly help to raise this amount at once and enable us to see the scheme executed without delay. Any amount, small or big, will be welcome.

WHERE TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS

Cheques may be drawn in favour of the "Sarojini Naidu Memorial" and sent directly to the Prime Minister, sent through any of the branches of the following banks for collections as also in the press generally:—The Central Bank of India, The United Commercial Bank, The Punjab National Bank, The Baroda Bank, The Indian Bank.

AUSTRIA REJECTS YUGOSLAV COMPROMISE PROPOSALS

LONDON, March 10, (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Albes Belber, Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister, warned the Foreign Ministers' Deputies today that their conference on an Australian Peace Treaty was threatened with a fresh breakdown. He said he had been told by the Soviet Delegate, Ambassador George Zarubin, that the Western Deputies had rejected the first three of Yugoslavia's 4-point compromise claims against Austria.

These demanded rectification of the Austrian-Yugoslav Frontier, creation of a Slovene autonomous area inside Austria and "substantial" reparations.

Dr. Belber was making his third oral statement to the four deputies of the United States, Britain, France and Russia, in response to a request conveyed through M. Zarubin, who is backing Yugoslavia.

Dr. Karl Gruber, Austrian Foreign Minister, had replied rejecting the Yugoslav compromise prposals.

The Deputies adjourned without further discussion until tomorrow.

AUSTRALIA'S ROLE IN S.-E. ASIAN POLITICS

NEW DELHI, March 10, (A.P.I.): The Australian High Commissioner in India, Mr. H. R. Gollan, speaking at a Rotary Club meeting here today expressed the view that Australia was bound to play a vital part in the stability of South Asia in an increasing measure in the future. Mr. Gollan added that Australia's taking part in the two recent Conferences in New Delhi—on Indonesia and Burma—was evidence of her willingness to co-operate with her neighbours for the common good in the South-East Asian and Western Pacific areas.

Australia, he pointed out, was already taking part in the Commonwealth Defence plan. One of her most important contributions in this respect was the guided missile scheme which was expected to cost her 250 million pounds. Australia was also endeavouring to develop her power resources.

Sir Ushnath Sen, thanking Mr. Gollan stressed the need for India to be friendly with Australia in the present context of world events. As time went on, he hoped, India and Australia would be linked together as inseparable friends.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Dutch Retreat

If the latest report from The Hague is correct, the Dutch are modifying their attitude of bellicosity in regard to Indonesia. And that would require more careful scrutiny and attention than straightforward militancy. The previous stand was that the Dutch could not accept any alteration in the conditions or time schedule of their proposed Round Table Conference. But an official spokesman is quoted by PTI-Reuter as having said that the Dutch Cabinet has now revised its original rejection of that part of the Security Council's resolution, which demanded the reinstatement of the Republican Indonesian Government in Jogjakarta and that the round table conference due to begin on March 12, has been postponed for a few weeks. Both represent an important retreat by the Dutch.

Need For Vigilance

This retreat has been forced on them by pressure of circumstances from several directions. First, there is the report of the U.N. Commission which insistently emphasises the fundamentals of the Security Council's resolution and which roundly criticises the failure of the Dutch to carry out the instructions of the Security Council in almost all important respects. Secondly, the Republican leaders have firmly refused to allow the Republic and its status to be ignored. And thirdly, the Indonesian Federalists, the allies and supporters themselves of the Dutch, have decided not to participate in the round table conference until and unless the Republican leaders also participate. This is very significant. The Federalists realise that odium would attach to them if they attended the conference without the Republicans. But that means that they also recognise the widely representative character of the Republican leaders. They virtually concede that the Indonesian nation is with the Republicans and is for the Republic rather than their own little Dutch-sponsored set-ups. This is a great victor, for the Republic both inside the country as also in the U. N. Security Council. For, it establishes their status in an unmistakable manner. All those three factors have together forced the Dutch to revise their strategy. But it does not necessarily mean that they have revised their main objectives too which is to defeat the aspirations of the Indonesian people and the democratic aims of the Security Council. The Indonesian leaders can be trusted to stand by the rights and aspirations of their people. But the Dutch have hopes and reasons for hope as far as the Security Council is concerned. As Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has said, the Security Council resolution itself does not go quite as far as the demands of the Asian Conference. If therefore, the Council weakens in respect even of that inadequate resolution, the Security Council will have lost the confidence and goodwill of all Asia and struck a grievous blow at the U. N. Organisation too. The Security Council has assumed a function in Indonesia. It cannot abdicate that function and its great responsibility in any circumstances now.

Prohibition Advances

The disclosure in the Indian Parliament that the Home Minister proposes to introduce Prohibition in the centrally administered areas in five years, is heartening news to those who had feared that the Centre was less enthusiastic in pressing forward with this reform than the more progressive provinces. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's caustic rejoinder to Mr. H. P. Mody ought to leave no doubt in people's minds. But it is necessary that more should be done by the Government of India than merely making the centrally administered areas dry. Provincial administrations have had to allow exemptions because of the Centre's failure to keep pace with them. The exemption for dining cars of railway trains, the saving of military and naval messes and canteens, and the clauses excusing foreign visitors which figure in the Bombay Act, would not have found a place in it but for the greater leniency of the Centre. How does the Government of India propose to deal with these favoured sections? Are we to regard them as coming under the term "centrally administered" which would be logical if not quite usual? It is necessary that the point should be clarified at an early date.

Sarojini Memorial

The appeal for a fund to raise a suitable memorial to Sarojini Naidu which we publish to-day, is one that will evoke an instant and ready response, even in these days when the public is over burdened with such unofficial "taxes". To the present generation, there is no need for any memorial to Sarojini. But the effect of her kindly influence must be passed on to coming generations as a symbol of service cheerfully rendered and abundant friendship. The distinguished signatories to the appeal have indicated the lines on which the memorial should be erected. Nothing could be more appropriate, as institutions go, than the one suggested which would be a great boon to women and children. We hope that the people of Bombay will respond to the appeal with their usual generosity.

Burma's Reply

It was revealed in the British House of Commons that the offer of mediation made by the New Delhi Conference had been declined by Thakin Nu. The Burmese Premier was perfectly within his rights to refuse it and no one concerned in the offer can have the slightest objection to Thakin Nu's attitude. For it has been made emphatically clear that there never was any intention or desire necessarily to interfere in the internal affairs of Burma and that the countries represented were impelled solely by friendly feelings for Burma and by an earnest desire to see peace restored to that country. We are glad that this is recognised by Thakin Nu who, as India's Prime Minister said the other day, appreciates the sentiments of this country and has confidence in the friendship of India's leaders for Burma and Thakin Nu. The latter has made certain suggestions as to the ways in which India can help Burma and its Government. There can be no question but that India will do every thing possible to help its neighbour.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Filarial Research

Sir,—The Haffkine Institute at Parel is now considered one of the best equipped and the most active laboratories of India for medical research. Research work should immediately be started in connection with elephantiasis and sclerema to which Bandra residents usually fall a prey.

There is a particular type of parasite called 'Trichina Spiralis' which most infests the pig and it can easily be transmitted to human being through the medium of pork and since this parasite has a tendency to attack the muscles of human beings, it can cause there diseases.

There is also another medium through which this parasite can be transmitted to human beings and that is through a filarial mosquito which first bites a pig and then a human being.

These parasites have a peculiarity of their own and that is that, as long as a patient is awake, they confine themseves to the lymphatic vessels and as soon as the patient goes to sleep, they come out in the blood vessels and this is the reason why in 95% of cases of this nature microscopical tests of blood give negative results because as a rule blood smears for such tests are being obtained when patients are awake thereby hampering an early diagnosis and treatment of the disease in its initial stage.

As Bandra is a place where pigs are being reared and slaughtered for human consumption, the Director of the Haffkine Institute at Parel may please be instructed to take some specimen of these pigs to the Institute to search for evidences of animal parasites so as to determine the connection between the symptoms and their originating cause of the disease referred to above.

Just as the research carried out at the Haffkine Institute, has yielded a new plague vaccine in the form of "Streptomycin' which is an ideal remedy for the treatment of plague, I am confident that if research work is started in connection with these diseases, it would surely yield good results by discovering remedies both preventive as well as curative. Yours, etc.

— PHILIP ALVARES.

Nursing Homes

Sir,—The Government of Bombay has taken a lead in India, in introducing the Nursing Homes Registration Act on the same lines as the English Nursing Homes Registration Act of 1927. There was an urgent need to cover the maternity homes which are being floated in great abundance in every part of the province, especially in urban and semi-urban areas, and this Act provides for the coverage. Incidentally, it will not be an exaggeration to say that many an unfortunate medico finding it difficult to secure a roaring practice" prefers to open a maternity home or a nursing home. And it is easier to run such concerns with better pecuniary returns.

The Nursing Homes Registration Act, however, would have been much more effective if the legislators had provided for better inspectorial agencies than those suggested by them, viz. the Municipalities and the Local Authorities. It would have been better if clear provisions for licensing the nursing and maternity homes were made under the Act. Vesting the powers of inspection in the respective municipalities and local boards may, in many cases, defeat the purpose of the Legislation, since it is quite likely that local politics as well as personal equations in a small field may vitiate the objective evaluation of the nursing and maternity homes.

It would have been better if Boards of Inspection and Supervision were appointed on regional basis and were constituted by representatives of the medical profession as well as of the public along with a suitable number of government nominees.

These Boards, if appointed, would exercise proper control and issue licences to the nursing and maternity homes. They would also register them according to rules framed under the Act, after satisfying themselves that these homes are run with necessary and prescribed standards. They should have powers to revoke the licence of any such institution if it falls below a certain minimum standard of equipment, qualified personnel and of established medical practices.

It is time that the medical associations in India should come forward and lay down certain minimum standards for the nursing and maternity homes in respect of equipment, accommodation, professional personnel, training of workers and also for the conduct of these institutions.

In many Western countries, the medical associations themselves chalk out broad policies in these respects and a good deal of emphasis is laid on the quality of facilities rather than on the quantitive aspect. According to the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, for example, "registration is a basic recognition, extended to all the hospitals and related institutions concerning which the Council has no evidence of unsafe practices". Approval of the American College of Surgeons means that the hospital meet a certain set of requirements fundamental to good hospital care. The same principles should hold good in our nation. It must be appreciated that both maternity and nursing homes have to handle human lives and any substandard activities are likely to lead to a wanton loss of human material. Will our law-enforcing authorities bear this in mind when the Act will be actually enforced.

It is also observed that Section 1(2) of the Act limits its scope to certain cities only, perhaps cities with industrial importance. But it must be noted that the evil of sub-standard, mismanaged, uncontrolled and unregistered maternity and nursing homes is not restricted to these few cities only. And Government will render signal service if they put this Act into operation in proper form, in all the District towns also along with all the important ctie in the province even in the initial beginning. It is necessary that such matters of predominant importance be handled on a wide scale rather than piecemeal. Yours, etc.

D. V. KULKARNI

Leftists Criticise Government For Going "Pro-Capitalist"

PATNA, March 10, (U.P.I.): The All-India United Left Front Committee, which continued its deliberations yesterday, took important decisions on various national and international problems facing the people.

The Committee expressed its jubiliation over the "glorious victory of the resurgent Chinese people over the reactionary forces of Chinese bourgeoisie and their allies, the American dollar capitalists.

The meeting unequivocally condemned the Government of India's attack on the conditions of railwaymen and infliction of a wage-cut on them.

By another resolution the Committee strongly condemned the proposed amendments to the Indian Trade Union Act as "reactionary and anti-working class designs of the Government of India, as it was calculated to throttle and suppress all genuine independent trade union organisation of the working class".

The committee characterised the Central and Provincial Governments' budgets as avowedly capitalist budgets "designed for the exploitation of the Indian masses".

Improving Telephone Service In Saurashtra

RAJKOT, March 10 (API): Fifteen hundred tons of telephonic materials are arriving in Saurashtra shortly, it is learnt.

The materials are a part of the plan of the Government of India to improve and modernise telephonic facilities existing at present in different cities and between various cities of Saurashtra.

OPEN AIR

Whenever I leave India, I find that the sight I miss most is that of the palm trees. There is something very fascinating about these tall, graceful trees, familiar though they may be, and the landscape looks bare and if something were missing from it when they are absent. Apart from the ornamental palms, the common varieties in Bombay are the coconut and the Palmyra or brab, while we also seen an occasional date-palm. All have the same manner of growth, but the huge fronds of the coconut palm are finely-cut into long, narrow leaflets, while those of the brab are shaped like giant fans. The date-palm has a rough stem, deeply notched with the scars of the leaves which have fallen during the period of its growth, and its fronds have short, narrow, pointed leaflets. The palms of Bombay and the suburbs suffer severely from the visits of the vultures which roost at night among their leaves, and they have another enemy in the Rhinoceros beetle which eats the young tender leaves and flower buds and bores into the tree, damaging it seriously.

D. R.

Two Lakhs Tons Food Deficit For Bombay

AUGMENTATION OF RATION BEYOND 12 OZS. NOT LIKELY

Civil Supplies Minister Replies To Critics Of Control Policy

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A CATEGORICAL STATEMENT THAT IF THE CONTROLS OVER FOODSTUFFS WERE WITHDRAWN CHAOS WOULD FOLLOW, WAS MADE BY MR. DINKERRAO DESAI, MINISTER FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES, IN HIS REPLY, THIS EVENING, TO A SERIES OF CUT MOTIONS IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN RESPECT OF GOVERNMENT'S FOOD POLICY OF COMPULSORY PROCUREMENT AND RATIONING.

THE MINISTER SAID, "WE HAVE NOT REIMPOSED CONTROLS FOR SOME INNER SATISFACTION. IT IS THE NEED OF THE TIMES. IF WE WANT TO KEEP AWAY HUNGER FROM THE PROVINCE, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE BEFORE US. LOOKING TO THE GREATEST GOOD OF THE GREATEST NUMBER, THIS IS THE ONLY POLICY BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT".

The Minister revealed that there would be a deficit of two lakhs tons in the Province, and he did not hope that the Government of India, would make up the total shortage. As such, it was futile to expect rations to be augmented beyond 12 ozs.

The House sat for more than an hour after the usual time, for rising, in order to discuss another motion pertaining to Government's cloth policy. Mr. Dinkerrao Desai said that variations from the quantum originally allotted, were due to changing circumstances.

Government's demand for grant in respect of a sum of Rs. 5,24,84,000 was voted by the House.

"LIFT CONTROL.

A strong plea either to lift what he called the present defective food control machinery and restore complete free trade, or in the alternative, to institute a fool-proof system bringing within its compass all provinces in the country was made by Mr. Babubhai Patel, Congress member from Kaira, opening the debate on the food policy of Government.

Pointing out the drawbacks in the existing control machinery, Mr. Patel said that the administrative costs involved were exorbitant. In the movement of food-grains to the interior districts, much delay was being caused due to transport difficulties. The inefficient working of the present system had given rise to corruption and blackmarketing on a large scale, with resultant discontent and unrest among the people, he said.

Mr. Patel complained of preferential treatment to the urban population in as much as the quality of foodgrains supplied to the rural areas, was inferior to what was supplied to the former.

Putting in a strong plea for the complete lifting of food control, the Congress member said that the control machinery had been fosted on the province by the Centre without regard to the wishes of the people. However, he agreed that the province had to abide by the directive from the Central Government. But he could not understand how certain surplus provinces like the U.P., and the C.P. were left out of the control system.

CALL TO GOVERNMENT.

Remarking that he did not favour a policy of "unitary control", Mr. Patel urged upon the Bombay Government to press upon the Centre the desirability of allotting to the province sufficient quantity of foodgrains from the surplus areas in the same way as Bombay's cloth was being controlled by the Government of India and supplied to other deficit provinces. If the Central Government felt that it should control and allot Bombay's cloth to other areas, it should be equally incumbant on its part to supply the food requirements of this province from those surplus areas through a vigorous procurement system on an All-India basis. Pointing out the defects in the present levy system in the province, he expressed the view that the present prices gave no incentive to the peasant to increase production.

Maintaining that the levy system had proved a failure, Mr. Patel said that whereas the Government of Madras were able to procure 26 per cent, the Bombay Government were able to get only 6 per cent.

Mr. Tulsidas Jadhav strongly urged on Government not to lift food control as such a step would result in the starvation of the masses. He said that prices offered for procurement were also unremunerative, and had to be raised.

Mr. Jadhav alleged that in many villages mamlatdars were demanding a rupee each from people, before they were given ration cards, towards the Gandhi Memorial Fund.

The Home Minister: No Government servant is allowed to collect funds for the Fund.

CONTROLS UNAVOIDABLE

Mr. G. H. Deshpande said that controls though unpleasant, were unavoidable, due to various reasons. It could not be forgotten that in certain places, the farmers had broken the stranglehold of Savkars only during the days of controls. It was also wrong to regard that the agitation against the levy system was always economic. Quite often it was politicals.

Mr. M. H. Shah said that the remedy for the ills of controlled distribution, lay in tightening up the administrative machinery, and not in abandoning rationing and controls. The inadequacy of the transport position, contributed to unsatisfactory distribution.

Mr. A. H. Mirza, in a wholesale defence of rationing said that rationing with all its unsatisfactory features, was better than no rationing, for India as a whole was food deficit, and the alternative to rationing was the price-rocketting of all commodities.

MINISTER'S REPLY

Replying to the cut motions moved yesterday which initiated the debate on Government's food policy, Mr Dinkerrao Desai, Minister for Civil Supplies, stated that the alternative to Governmental controls in respect of foodstuffs, was chaos. The poorer classes and the middle classes would be the victims of the resultant confusion as was shown when the policy of decontrol was tried in December, '47. In many districts of the Province, people could not get even two meals.

But Government, which wanted to give a fair trial to decontrols started about 3,000 fair price shops after initiating decontrol. But this did not check prices. The fair price shops could not be smoothly run, for hoarding, speculation and profiteering in foodgrains had shot up the prices.

At a conference at Delhi in September '48 the whole position was reviewed and Government came to the conclusion that there was no choice before them, but to re-impose controls. There was also a directive from the Centre urging the same, and apart from all else, it was obligatory on the Province, to implement the Centre's directive, on account of food allocations and subsidies received from the Government of India. Controls had been reimposed on the bigger towns by February, '48.

SITUATION IN U.P. AND C.P.

The Minister showed, how the absence of controls had adversely affected prices in C.P. and U.P., in spite of those provinces being surplus. "If this is the position of food surplus provinces, what of deficit Bombay? The consequences of not re-imposing controls would have been disastrous", he added. If the lower and middle classes had to be prevented from starving, Government had no other choice before them.

LEVY SYSTEM

Replying to the criticism that compulsory procurement was haphazard, over-heavy and un-uniform, the Minister said that the levy system was based on the three considerations of area under food crops in any particular instance, average production in that area and the requirements of that particular family. Government allowed an agriculturist to retain 27½ maunds of grains, on the basis of the average family of the Province being presumed to be 4.5. If a family contained more, an extra allotment of 4½ maunds per person was allowed. The fact that in some instances people had come forward with more quantum than the levy demanded, showed no coercion was exercised.

The Government of Bombay had increased the price offered in compulsory procurement, by 50 per cent over the prices of the pre-decontrol period. Even this had affected the cost of living adversely. The Minister calculated that while the general rise in prices was 60 per cent, the rise in the price of agricultural commodities was about 450 per cent. This showed that agriculture was not unprofitable. The nett profits to an agriculturists in the levy had been calculated at 17 to 18 per cent.

FOOD DEFICIT

The Minister revealed that while the Provincial requirements during the ensuing year were 13,50,000 tons of foodgrains, they did not expect to get more than 8,65,000 from the Centre, and about two lakh tons as levies internally. This left a deficit of two lakh tons. It was not reasonable to hope that the Centre would make up all this deficit.

In such circumstances to expect more than a maximum of 12 ozs. ration, was futile. Nor was it proper to expect a reduction in the ration quantum in cities and its diversion to rural areas, for 50 per cent of Bombay's population consisted of the labouring classes, who had to fall back on uncontrolled commodities, whenever the quantum was found inadequate.

Concluding, the Minister said, "We have not imposed these controls for some in her satisfaction. It is the need of the times. If we want to keep away hunger from the Province, there is no other alternative before us. Looking to the greatest good of the greatest number, this is the only policy before Government".

All the cut motions which had engendered the discussion, were withdrawn.

CLOTH POLICY CRITICISED

Replying to another cut motion moved by Mr. M. U. Rajab to discuss Government's cloth policy, the Civil Supplies Minister stated that the cloth policy of the Government was modified from time to time by the needs which then arose.

Government, expecting very high demands, had started cautiously. The monthly quota of 17,000 bales to the Province, stocks on hand and 'Ad Hoc' additions, had necessitated a variation of the quantum which had been affected. The quantum to rural areas also had been increased.

YARN ALLOTMENT

With regard to yarn, Government had decided an allotments of 40 lbs. per handloom and of 70 lbs. per power looms. About 11,000 bales were available per month, and it was not possible to give full quantum to power-looms in every instance, as this was not sufficient.

e Government were giving maximum financial assistance to Co-operative Societies under the scheme.

The cut motion was withdrawn and the demand for grant of Rs. 5,24,84,000 under the head "miscellaneous", was voted.

THE BODY OF DR. SYUD HOSSAIN LYING IN STATE

The body of Dr. Syud Hossain, India's Ambassador in Egypt, who died suddenly of heart failure at Cairo recently, is seen lying in State.

Dutch Arrest Several Other Prominent Indonesians

CHARGE OF LOOTING AND DEVASTATING BATAVIA

NEW DELHI, March 10 (UPI): The Indonesian Information Service, New Delhi, has issued the following press note today:—

"News received by the Indonesia office in Singapore stated, that the Dutch have again carried out large scale arrests. Among the arrested are Mr. Mangunsarkoro, leader of the P. N. I. and member of the Parliamentary Working Committee, Mr. Suwirjo, former Mayor of Djakarta (Batavia), Mr. Kadarisman, a high official, and Mr. Latuharhary, former Republican Governor of the Moluccas.

DEVASTATING BATAVIA

Meanwhile the systematic looting of Djokdja by Dutch troops is continuing. Because of a possible withdrawal of Dutch troops from Djokdja, they now systematically remove all valuable essential material to Semarang, and they go as far as dismantling the whole water and electric system of the town, and thus turning Djokdja into a place of complete devastation, where no administration can properly function".

Indonesian Terms For Hague R. T. C.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 10. (U.P.I.): The Indonesian Information Service New Delhi, has released to press the following statement by Dr. Soedarsono, the representative of the Republic of Indonesia in India:—

To-day newspapers mention the postponement of The Hague Round Table Conference as previously proposed by the Netherlands Government. It is more interesting to note that this postponement was due to the fact that none of the fourteen leading Federalists, inspite of the Netherlands High Commissioner's personal intervention, had decided in two meetings to line up with the Republic of Indonesia.

What is needed is not only the postponement, but also the revision of the conference. The Conference must not in any case prejudice the position of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia must be immediately restored to Jogjakarta area. The latter condition will probably be accepted by the Netherlands as reported in the press.

Therefore in this respect I want to state that the whole resolution of the Security Council of January 28, 1949, is to be appraised as a means, to quicken the much wanted over-all solution in Indonesia. Therefore all Dutch activities and efforts including the proposed Round Table Conference at The Hague and the present movements in Jogjakarta area, will be evaluated by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia according to their merits relating to an over-all solution and to the position of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia in the Indonesian-Netherlands dispute.

Indonesian Deadlock

LAKE SUCCESS, March 10 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The United Nations Security Council was tonight facing a virtual deadlock on the Indonesian problem, and diplomats here were completely unable to predict how the case would develop.

Reports that the Netherlands was prepared to restore Indonesian republican leaders to some measure of authority were totally unfounded, it was officially confirmed.

British Ambassador Meets Dutch Foreign Minister

LONDON, March 10. (PTI-Reuter): Sir Philip Nichols, British Ambassador in The Hague called on Dr. D. U. Stikker, Dutch Foreign Minister, earlier this week regarding discussions for a settlement in Indonesia, it was learned here today.

While no firm information was available about the reason for Sir Philip Nichols' call, the general British view on the situation was understood to be:

(1) The Dutch Government should decide to give effect to the Security Council resolution of January 28 on Indonesia as a whole. This laid down definite dates for the transfer of power in Indonesia.

(2) The Republican leaders should be permitted to return to their former headquarters in Jogjakarta.

(3) No conference on Indonesia could usefully be held without the participation of the Republican leaders.

MENON & COCHIN-TRAVANCORE TALKS

ERNAKULAM, March 10 (API)—Mr. V.P. Menon, Advisor to the States Ministry, Government of India arrived here this afternoon from Thekkady, a hill station in Travancore.

During his three-day stay here, Mr. Menon will have further discussions with the representatives of the Cochin Government on the future of Cochin State. Mr. Menon is also expected to hold talks with some representative citizens before a final decision on the matter is taken.

Earlier, Mr. T. K. Narayana Pillai, Premier of Travancore and his cabinet colleagues, the Travancore Congress President, Mr C. Kesavan and a former Minister Mr. M. Varghese arrived here by plane from Trivandrum to take part in the final discussions which Mr. V. P. Menon will have with the representatives of the two Governments on the future of Cochin and Travancore.

R. S. S. Prisoners On Hunger-Strike

ALLAHABAD, March 10. (A.P.I.): Some R.S.S. prisoners in Naini Central Jail are reported to have gone on hunger-strike since yesterday.

The prisoners, it is stated, have demanded the restoration of certain privileges which were allowed to them previously when R.S.S. prisoners had been in large numbers in the jail.

TWO ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED SABOTAGE

Wanted To Render Costly Machines Unserviceable

TRICHY, March 10 (API): The Golden Rock police have taken into custody two employees of the South Indian Railway for alleged attempt of sabotage.

It is alleged that the arressed persons, who were on night shift in the Railway Workshop, intended to make two costly machines unserviceable by plugging iron pieces into them.

30 Reds And Red-Sympathisers Arrested

MADURA, March 10 (A.P.I.): About 30 Communists and Communist-sympathisers in Virudunagar, Sattur, Sivakasi, Srivilliputhur, and Rajapalayam (towns in Ramanad and Tinnevelly districts) were taken into custody by police yesterday in connection with the threatened Railway strike.

The police are investigating a reported case of stone-throwing on a running train on the evening of Tuesday last between Virudunagar and Sivakasi.

Hoover's Plea For Direct Treasury Supervision

WASHINGTON, March 10 (P.T.I.-The United States Treasury should have closer supervision over Government lending, the Hoover Commission said today.

It also told Congress, the Department could operate more efficiently and economically if freed from "political appointments' particularly those of internal revenue and customs collectors.

The Government Reorganisation Group headed by former President Herbert Hoover split eight to four in recommending direct treasury "supervision" over two huge Dollar agencies — The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, chiefly a lender to United States business concerns and the Export-Import Bank, chiefly a lender to foreign governments.

Indian Committee Of International Chambers

NEW DELHI, March 10 (API): Mr. K. D. Jalan, a Calcutta businessman, was elected president of the Indian National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce, which held its twentieth annual session here recently and elected officer-bearers for 1949-50. Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand was elected Vice-President and Mr. D. N. Sen treasurer.

World's Eyes On Sarvodaya For Light And Guidance

RAJEN BABU'S ADDRESS TO SAMAJISTS AT MALWA

(From Our Correspondent.)

SARVODAYA NAGAR RAO (Malwa): About 400 members of Sarvodaya Samaj and an equal number of its sympathisers met here this afternoon in their first All-India Conference.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad presiding over the deliberations said that not only India but also other countries of the world were today looking towards the members of Sarvodaya Samaj for light and guidance. "Are we going to prove ourselves worthy of that expectation-" asked reminding the members of grave responsibilities that they were shouldering.

The proceedings of the Conference were held in a simple "pandal" built of bamboo and grass with portraits of great religious leaders of the world. In the centre of "pandal" was placed a beautiful painting of Gandhiji. A beautiful wooden statue of Budha was also placed near the small dais from where the President Rajenrababu was conducting the proceedings.

Among those present in the "pandal" were Sri Vinoba Bhave, Kishorilal Maahruwala, Shankerrao Deo and other close associates of Gandhiji.

Vaijnath Mahodaya, Chairman of Reception Committee delivered a short address welcoming the members of Samaj in province of Malwa. He also proposed Dr. Rajendra Prasad for presidentship of the Conference.

Addressing the gathering, Rajen Babu said: "We are here today to find ways to spread Gandhiji's ideals in society around us and it is our objective to establish a society of Gandhiji's conception not only in our country but also in the world. It was Danchiji's desire make India symbol for world. We have to fulfil that desire of our beloved leader which is also urgency of circumstances."

GANDHIJI'S TEACHINGS FORGOTTEN.

Rajen Babu also added that we recently witnessed in our country events which showed that we not only forgot Gandhiji's teachings but also elementary code of morality. The atmospnere cnarged with hatred is today at low ebb but there are other aspects in our life which show beyond doubt that we have fallen down.

In regard to purity of means also Rajen Babu observed "We tried to adhere to Gandhiji's concept of nonviolence and truth during the days of British regime. But today we have certainly left that path to not inconsiderable extent. Black marketing, bribery and such other acts of this nature stand proof to this.

"Are we members of Sarvodaya Samaj strong enough to lead the country to a path free from evils that are rampant today in our country asked Rajendrababu.

"The people of the world have witnessed two world wars during the last thirty years which resulted in huge loss. There is a large number of people in foreign countries who are today looking towards us, people of the land of Gandhiji, for light through dark clouds sorrounding the world."

Concluding Dr. Rajendra Prasad expressed sincere hopes that brotherhood of Sarvidaya Samaj will spread all over the world in the near future.

NEW PEACE CABINET FOR CHINA?

General Ho Seeks Approval Of Chiang

NANKING, March 10 (PTI-Reuter)—Former Defence Minister Ho Ying-Chin has conditionally agreed to form a new streamlined "peace cabinet", Chinese sources reported today.

But whether General Ho takes over the premiership depend on the approval of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who still exercises powerful influence from retirement at Fenghua, in Chekiang province, other sources said.

General Ho is expected to return to Nanking tomorrow from a Chekiang town near Fenghua, if the Generalissimo gives him a mandate to form the new cabinet.

Conditions said to have been laid down to Acting President Li Tsung-Jen by the former Defence Minister, were: a free hand in running the Government and drastic reduction in the strength of the Government armies.

Premier Sun Fo, Leader of the "no surrender" group who resigned last Tuesday, will go to Canton in the next few days to complete preparations for handing over to the new premier, it was reliably learned.

A Government military spokesman stated today that Communist forces were increasing their pressure on remaining government bridgeheads north of the Yangtse river some of which had been voluntarily evacuated.

These withdrawals were intended to help peace negotiations but any Communist attempt to cross the river would be strongly resisted, the spokesman added.

Cuba Rejects Soviet Protest

HAVANA, March 10 (PTI-Reuter)—Cuba has rejected a Soviet protest against the sale of carnival masks 'resembling Stalin' and has accused the Soviet legation of "not limiting itself to the natural interchange of cultural ideas and commercial propaganda" but "abetting ideas contrary to our regime and even reproducing articles injurious to outstanding personalities."

INDIA'S PRIDE

Frontier National Park Of 800 Sq. Miles

SHILLONG, March 10, (A P. I.): Plans for what is described as India's frontier nature park, with its wide and choice variety of flora and fauna both of Burma and India, are now well under wap in tribal areas of Assam.

Announcing this, Mr. N. K. Rustomji, Adviser to the Governor of Assam for Tribal Areas and States, said: "The frontier park, which will comprise an area of 800 square miles in Noadenwing Valley with an elevation varying from 1,500 feet on the west to 15,000 feet on Dapha Bum Peak will be a pilgrimage of botanists. Here we shall allow to breed and multiply species of rhinoceros and musk deer that have hitherto been trapped and hunted indiscriminately only narrowly to be saved from extinction and oblivion that was almost their destiny. The presence of elephants, buffaloes, tigers and malayan sambhurs will be a feat indeed for the naturalist and adventure of which India will have reason to be proud."

BUDDHIST RELICS FOR PATNA

PATNA, March 9. (API)—Arrangements are being made by a Reception Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, Bihar Premier to accord a fitting reception to the sacred relics of the two chief disciples of Lord Buddha, namely, Sariputta and Mongoliana on their arrival at Patna junction on the morning of March 20 by the Delhi Express.

His Excellency the Governor and members of the Reception Committee will receive them at the station and take it in procession to Government House. In the afternoon they will be taken to the Gandhi Maidan where a public meeting will be held at 4-30 p.m. Thereafter they will be kept in the Patna museum for a week to enable the public to pay their homage. On the day of departure the reception committee will see them off at the station.

A guard of honour will be presented at the station at the time of arrival and departure.

The Reception Committee is making arrangements to accommodate the representatives of the Mahabodhi Society who are accompanying the relics and other distinguished visitors from outside the province who may come to pay their homage to the sacred relics.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS.

BOMBAY, Mar. 10.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. N. J. Gor and Mr. Chandulal Shah.

The Hon. Shri R. R. Diwaker, Prof. N. K. Sidhanta, Dr. K. N. Bahl, Mrs. Rashid Ali Baig and Mrs. Paranjyoti came to lunch.

The Governor attended a Reception given by the Consul-General for Iran and Mrs. Bahadori to meet the Iranian Ambassador, at the Taj Mahal Hotel.

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DR. WENGER FOR GENEVA

Dr. Otto Wenger, a special delegate of the International Red Cross Committee left for Geneva on Tuesday night by the Air-India International "Constellation" service.

For the last fifteen months, Dr. Wenger had acted as a neutral intermediary for both India and Pakistan, in connection with the hostilities in Kashmir. His work will be carried on in both the Dominions by Dr. R. Marti and Mr. N. Burckhardt. On board the same plane were Mr. Rickaby and Mr. W. T. Evans, the well-known jockers and Mr. Robert Stimpson of the B.B.C.

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DR. PATTABHI.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 10. (A.P.I.): The Congress President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, will leave for Vizagapatam by air to-morrow, March 11. He will undertake a week's tour of the district, and will receive an honorary degree from Andhra University.

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M. N. ESPANDIARY.

BOMBAY, Mar. 10. (A.P.I.): His Excellency Mr. M. Noury Espandiary, Iranian Ambassador in India, was the guest of honour at a reception held by the Consul-General for Iran and Mrs. Bahadori this evening in Bombay.

The Governor of Bombay, Raja Maharaj Singh, the Mayor, Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, Mr. M. D. Bhat, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, and members of the Diplomatic Corps were among the distinguished gathering present on the occasion.

DEFICIT BUDGET FOR ASSAM

SHILLONG, March 10 (API): The Assam budget for 1949/50 shows a revenue deficit of Rs. 60,58,000. No new taxation has been proposed.

The budget was presented in the Provincial Assembly today by the Finance Minister, Mr. Bishnu Ram Medhi.

The budget figures are:— Opening Balance:— Rs. 4,40,70,000.

Revenue Receipts:— Rs. 8,91,77,000.
Capital Receipts:— Rs. 13,58,67,000.
Total Receipts:— Rs. 26,91,24,000.
Revenue Expenditure:— Rs. 9,52,35,000.
Capital Expenditure:— Rs. 15,61,58,000.
Total Expenditure:— Rs. 25,13,93,000.
Closing Balance:— Rs. 1,77,21,000.

DEFICIT BUDGET FOR SIND

KARACHI, March 10, (U.P.I.): The Sind budget for 1949-50 showed a deficit of 176,58,000 when the budget estimates were presented in the Sind Assembly this evening by Mr. Yusuf Abdulla Haroon, the Premier and Finance Minister of Sind.

The anticipated revenue for the next financial year is Rs. 7,40,91,000 as against the anticipated expenditure of Rs. 9,17,49,000.

The real deficit is expected to be Rs. 96,58,000 as the centre has provided Rs. 60 lakhs towards the acquirement of Karachi and the province received another Rs. 20 lakhs as its share of the central sales tax.

To balance the budget, an emergency cess on land revenue at an additional rate of two and half annas on every rupee of land revenue assessment and revenue assessment and another on 'jagir' have been levied. Price of stamps and registration fee has been enhanced.

Assam Assembly Condoles Death Of Two Governors

SHILLONG, March 10. API.) The Assam Legislative Assembly, which met here for the budget session this morning, adjourned till afternoon as a mark of respect to the memory of Sir Akbar Hydari, Governor of Assam, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Maulavi Sayid-ur-Rahman, and Mr. Abdul Matin Chaudhary.

The House adopted a resolution moved by the Speaker expressing its profound sorrow at the death of the departed leaders.

Mrs. Ambegaoker Dead

NEW DELHI, March 10 (API): The death occurred last evening at Willingdon Hospital of Mrs. Ambegaoker, wife of Mr. K. G. Ambegaoker, I.C.S. Additional Secretary, Finance Ministry, Government of India.

RATIONED SAREE OR DHOTI.

There is, it seems some misunderstanding regarding the availability of dhotis or sarees on cloth coupons. Originally when a cloth coupon holder had to purchase his quota of rationed cloth on six monthly basis on A, B and C coupons only, an individual coupon holder could have got a dhoti or saree upto 6 yards in medium or coarse quality alone on coupon A. But it would not have been possible for a coupon holder to obtain a dhoti or saree in fine or superfine quality as the dhoti or saree coupon was of 6 units only. In view of this difficulty, it was decided to allow combination of coupons B and C with coupon A and permit the purchase of a dhoti or saree upto 5 yards in fine quality. This concession was allowed during the 1st ration period only. As the coupon holders are now allowed to purchase whole year's quota of rationed cloth and are permitted to purchase half in fine quality and the other half in coarse quality there is no need to continue the concession. A coupon holder can now obtain on his coupons A and D alone, either two dhotis or sarees upto six yards in medium or coarse quality, or one dhoti or saree upto six yards in fine quality and one dhoti or saree upto six yards in medium or coarse quality. IN OTHER WORDS ONE DOES GET TWO SAREES OR DHOTIS (BOTH IN MEDIUM OR COARSE QUALITY OR ONE IN FINE AND ONE IN COARSE QUALITY) ON COUPONS A AND D.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

IMPROVEMENT IN STEELS AND TEXTILES—SECURITIES WEAK

Bombay, March 10

Steadiness marked the trading at the local Stock Exchange to-day. The fizzling out of the railway strike removed much of the apathy on the part of the buyers, and gave the market a slightly cheerful tone. The general tendency was bullish and lower levels attracted buyers, who absorbed much of the selling pressure and helped keep the prices steady.

Tata Steel Deferred gained Rs. 10 after opening at Rs. 1651-4 and later stabilised at Rs. 1660. Tata Ordinary advanced upto Rs. 295-4 after opening at Rs. 293, and later steadied at Rs. 294-8. Indian Iron and Bengal Steel were in demand upto Rs. 24-2 and Rs. 20-15 respectively.

Textiles also were a shade bright. Dyeing which opened at Rs. 938-12 lost about a rupee in the initial stage, but thereafter with renewed support it advanced upto Rs. 942-8 and later hovered around Rs. 940. Kohinoor was in fairly good demand and was steady at Rs. 290 later opening two points lower. Gokak changed hands at Rs. 291, which showed a gain of Rs. 3 over the opening level. Nagpur, Simplex and Swadeshi also showed a slight improvement after opening at Rs. 240, Rs. 183-4 and Rs. 281 respectively.

Banks were moderately active, Central being quoted at Rs. 87-8.

The miscellaneous section was steady with very little change noticeable. Scindias improved to Rs. 18-2 after a start of Rs. 17-13. Cement showed four annas' gain on the opening level of Rs. 150, and Bellapurs were unchanged at Rs. 216.

Securities developed further weakness due to tight money market. The 3 per cent Conversion Loan was quoted at Rs. 98-13.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (12)	942	8
Kohinoor Mills (6)	290	0
Swadeshi Mills (22)	281	4
Central India Mills (4)	240	0
Simplex Mill (8)	182	8
New Great Eastern (10)	162	0
Indore (9 plus 3)	172	8
Gokak Mill (20)	291	0
Century Spinning (15)	261	0
Colaba (12)	152	8
India Bleaching (6)	154	0
Swan Mills (20)	325	0
Finlay Mills (15)	280	0
Morarji Gokuldas XD	452	8
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	240	0
Meyer (12) XD	110	0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15	6
Indian United Defd. (1-10)	1 10	6
India United Ord. ((0-12-9)	11	4
Madhusudan Mills (15) XD	175	0
Podar (8)	142	8
Khatau Makanji (8)	202	8
Indore Coupon	86	0
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord (14)	294	0
Tata Steel Defd. (66-15)	1656	12
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	139	0
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (6)	150	8
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-8)	277	8
Belapur Sugar (9)	216	8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	31	0
Scindia Steam (0-8)	18	0
Premier Construction	119	8
Tata Chemical	12	9
Tata Oil (2)	65	0
Indian Iron (0-12)	24	0
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	20	13
British India Corp. (0-14)	8	12
I. Copper	2	2 6
Wimco AR	189	6
Alcock	278	2
Belapur Coupon	54	0
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (50)	1535	0
Andhra Valley (45)	1440	0
Tata Hydro	154	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	65	0
Phoenix Mills (50) XD	206	4
India Manufacturing	—	
Kooria Mills (5)	120	0
New City Mills 10)	198	2
Minerva	122	8
Bradbury	567	8
Bharat Mills (2)	33	0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4	12
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172	8
Madavji Dharmsi (0-12)	14	4
Model Mills (12-8)	182	8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	600	0
Vishnu Cotton (8)	208	12
Western India ((40)	4070	0
Standard (15)	345	0
Bhokapur Mills (200)	3300	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9	12
Hindustan Mills (40)	4225	0
Tata Mills (3)	50	8
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	258	12
Ahmedabad Advance New	195	0
Sassoon Silk (2)	77	12
New Union Mills (0-8)	12	0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35	0
Srinivas Mills (8)	175	0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78	12
Berar Mills	280	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
Colaba Land Coupon	42	0
New Great	156	0
ELECTRICS (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	129	6
Ahmedabad New	18	10
Surat Electricity (2-8)	147	8
Karachi Electric (2)	131	4
Broach (0-8)	10	10
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	8
Amalgamated	12	8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26	8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	150	0
Bombay Suburban (3)	161	14
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	152	8
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1885	0
Imperial Bank of India P.M. (8-12)	461	4
Central Bank	87	8
Central Bank New (1-8)	85	4
Bank of India (4) XR	198	4
Union (0-8)	7	15
Bank of Baroda (2-8)	141	12
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45	0
United Commercial (1-8)	57	0
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35	8
Hindustan Commercial	26	12
Mysore Bank (8)	365	0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	29	8
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105	0
INSURANCE		
Oriental (125) X.D.	4200	0
Empire (10)	675	0
New India (1-8)	61	8
Jupiter (1-4)	18	8
Vulcan (0-10)	11	14
Indian Mercantile (2)	39	0
Universal (0-4)	11	4
B.I.G. (1)	18	8
Industrial and Prudential	29	8
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All-India General	15	2
RAILWAY SHARES		
Central Provinces (1-14)	112	0
Pachora Jamner Rly. (2-8)	120	4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Bombay Steamer (10)	337	8
Bombay Burma New (5)	107	8
Burma Petrol	1 9	3
Mackenzie (6)	88	0
Port Canning (3)	62	12
Kemp and Co. (30)	420	0
Kemp and Co. (New)	462	8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150	0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	91	8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	36	4
Mukund Iron	10	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18	0
Alembic (15)	197	8
Supreme India X.R.	—	
Jam Wire (6)	67	4
Bombay Uganda	69	0
Bombay Motor Cycle	34	0
Indian Cement (1937)	25	0
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	152	8
Associated Cement New (1-4)	144	4
United Motor	70	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880	0
Hydary Construction	19	10
Mahmadi Steam	96	0
Gujarat Motor	20	0
Sardar Carbolic X.D.	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Estreja Batteries	51	0
Manmad Press	120	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	188	12
Andhra Valley (7)	1212	4
Tata Power (7-8)	1245	0
Hydro Electric (7)	124	6
Bombay Steamer (8)	308	8
Central India (5)	625	0
Swadeshi Mills	126	4
Vishnu Mills (7)	633	12
Lakshmi Mills	275	0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227	8
Podar Mills (4)	108	0
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	117	8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145	0
Premier Construction 1st (61-4)	118	0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	102	8
Amalgamated (5-8)	123	2
Habib	72	0
Tata Chemical (5)	131	14
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130	0
Jupiter General	19	14
Supreme	100	0
Meyer	121	4
Mackenzie 1st	85	0
Mackenzie 2nd	80	0
Ahmedabad Advance	132	8
Mysore Mills	50	0
Standard Mills	101	0
Madhusudan Mills	12	0
Khatau Mills	102	8
Morarji	106	0
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952 (4)	103	8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101	10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106	0
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112	0
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	10
New Victoria Mill	2	8
New Victoria Mills (Pref.)	5	0
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	120	0
Gold Mohur (20)	302	8
New Kaiser-Hind	360	0
Sajjan Mills (20)	140	0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	300	0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	340	0
Air Service XR	7	8
Air India	100	0
Hind Motor	4	14
India Steam	8	12

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 10

Trading in futures in the local cotton market is still at a standstill. The May delivery is nominally quoted around Rs. 620.

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, March 10

The local Produce market ruled steady to-day with a moderate turnover. Groundnuts and Linseed were weak recorded a slight fall in prices. Castorseeds May delivery found buyers upto Rs. 135-2.

Following were the closing quotations.

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	38	8	0
Coromandal	38	0	0
Bold ready	38	0	0
Bold Feb-March	37	4	0
Bold April May	37	7	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
May delivery	135	15	0
Ready	27	4	0
LINSEEDS—			
Ready	28	8	0
Feb-March	28	4	0
April-May	28	2	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready receipts	20	15	0
March	20	15	0
April	21	1	0
Linseed Oil	17	12	0
Castorseed Oil first pressing	19	0	0
Castor seed oil commercial quality	17	8	0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 10.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 6th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th 9th Month.

New York and Montreal B. C. Rate T. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4

Montreal Rs. 328 1/2.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 329 Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7860.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 8060

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1305.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gilda 79

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 64.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 157.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 165 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.67-53.43; London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pts. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bankok Cross Rate Tcl. 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Rl. 128-130; London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8-09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 1061-1063; London/Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.

London Discts. 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c.; London Discts. 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call 3/4 p.c.; 3 Mos. 1 p.c.; 6 Mos. 1-1/4 p.c.; 12 Mos. 1-1/2 p.c.

Tone:—Tight.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, March 10.

Quotations at 2-00 p.m.:—

Tata Ordinary 294/12; Tata Deferred 1660; Indian Iron 24/2; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 20/14; Bombay Dyeing 940/14; Central India 241/4; Gokak 290/10; Kohinoor 290; Simplex 183/12; Swadeshi 281/14; Tata Power 1535; Associated Cement 150; Belapur 216/4; Bombay Burma (Old) 277/8; Scindia 18/2. Central Bank 87/8; New India 61/12; Tata 2nd Pref. 139.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

MILLS

BOMBAY, March 10.

Apollo 2-15 2-15-6

B. Dyeing 938-12 39-6 37-8 42-8 40-10 42-8.

C. India 240 41 40

Century 261-4 (9-3-49)

Colaba 152 52-8

E. Textiles 240

Finlay 279 77-8 81 79 80

Gokak 288-8 88 92 90-8 91

I. U. Defd. 1-10-3 1-10-6

I.U. Ord. 11-1 11-4 11-3-6 11-4

Indore 172-8 (9-3-49)

Kohinoor 289 38 90-8 90

Laxmi 600

Meyer 110

New Great 163 64 63

Podar 145 42-8

Rajabahadur 75 78-12

Sassoon Cotton 9-11 9-12

Simplex 183-4 84-4 82-4 82-8

Svadeshi 281 80 82 81-4

Swan 325

Tata Mills 59-8 60 59

Vishnu 208-12

C.P. Rly. 111 (9-3-49)

STEAMER

Scindia 17-13 18-2 18-1 18-2 18

BANKS

Central 87-8 88 87-8

Central A New 85-8

Imperial Old 1883-12 85

Imperial New 460 61-4

U. Commercial 57-8 57

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 129-6 28-12 29-8

Andhra Valley 1437-8 40

Suburban 161-14

Hydro 153-8 54

Power 1532-8 35

INSURANCE

B.I.G. 18-8 18-12

New India 61-8 61-12

STEEL

B. Steel 20-12 20-15 20-13

I. Iron 23-14 24-2 24

Tata Defd. 1652-8 51-4 62-8 58-12 60 58-12

Tata Ord. 293 95-4 94-8 94-12 94

Tata Ist Pref. 138-12 (9-3-49)

Tata IInd Pref. 138-12 39

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 277-8 78-2

A.C.C. Old 150 50-8

A.C.C. New 144 45 44-4

Belapur 216 16-8 16 16-8

B.B. Old 277-8 76-14 77-8

B.B. New 106-14 7-8

B.B. Petrol 1-10-6 1-8-3

B.I.C. 8-12 8-12-6 8-10-3 8-12

I. Copper 2-2-6

I.I. Trust 90-8 91-8

Kemp 420 (9-3-49)

P. Const. 119-8 21 19-4

Shivrajpur 31-8 31

Tata Chem. 12-9 12-10 12-9

Tata Pref. 131-14 (9-3-49)

Tata Oil 65

Wimco 190 89-8

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 18-12 18-10

Indore Coupon 86

Sirdar Carbonic Gas 675 700

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, March 10

Forward section of the Bullion market is still closed.

Meanwhile operators have been evincing increasing interest in the ready market. Ready Silver showed moderate activity to-day and was quoted at Rs. 187-4. Ready Gold found buyers upto Rs. 116.

Indian Jute Statistics

As at January 31st.

1. RAW JUTE		Jan. '49	Jan. '48
Stocks with mills at Calcutta (000 bales)		1807	1532
Stocks with balers at Calcutta (000 bales)		142	163
		1949	1695
purchases (actual contracts, irrespective of deliveries)—(000 bales)		258	568
Exports from Calcutta (000 bales)		17	110
2. MANUFACTURED JUTE GOODS.			
Production (000 tons)		87.5	88.2
Equivalent Jute Consumption (000 bales)		521	526
Stocks with mills (000 tons)		115.8	152.8
		Oct, Nov, 1448	Dec.
Exports from Calcutta (000 tons)	69.2	78.9	73.3
		Oct, Nov, 1947	Dec.
Exports from Calcutta (000 tons)	90.8	72.8	68.1

3. PRICES.

	December '48 Highest	Lowest
Jute: First mark for mills (Rs. per bale)	220/-	217/-
Hessian: 9 porter 40" 8 oz. ready (Rs. per 100 yards)	44/-	42/10
Sacking: B. Twills, current (Rs. per hundred bags)	147/12	146/8
	December '47 Highest	Lowest
Jute: First mark for mills (Rs. per bale)	185/-	174/-
Hessian: 9 porter 40" 8 oz. ready (Rs. per 100 yards)	47/8	44/12
Sacking: B. Twills, current (Rs. per hundred bags)	123/12	120/-

—(Indian Jute News.)

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

The following is a statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 4th March 1949:

LIABILITIES	Rs.	
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and Subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund	6,27,50,000	
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	270,21,04,000	
Sundries	98,73,000	
Rupees	283,19,77,000	
ASSETS	Rs.	
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government Securities	113,79,28,000	
Other Authorised Investments	9,49,84,000	
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	33,91,59,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	77,25,12,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,57,95,000	
Dead Stock	1,55,84,000	
Sundries	1,26,38,000	
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	32,23,33,000	
Balances with other Banks	8,10,44,000	
Rupees	283,19,77,000	

INDO-AUSTRALIAN TRADE

Development In Recent Years

The phenomenal increase in the trade between India and Australia in recent years and the great scope that awaits for developing it still further, are given in a Report issued by the Bureau of Economic Research, Kanpur, who conducted an Economic and Market Survey of the two countries. The investigation related to the raw materials position, production, consumption and sales, import and exports, wages, transport, fuel costs, etc.

The Report which has been well received in the Australian Press has been released in this country on the visit of Dr. Evatt, Australian Foreign Minister to India, in connection with the Burma Conference held at New Delhi, last week. Copies of the Handbook are available with the Bureau of Economic Research, Kanpur, and are priced Rs. 5 a copy.

During the last financial year, Australian exports to India totalled R26 million, whereas 11 years ago, the figure was barly £70,000. Australia depends on India for her linseed and linseed oil, jute and cotton piecegoods Before the war Australia imported a million yards of cotton cloth each year—the figure being as high as 120 million yards in the peak year—subsequently her quota was fixed at 40 million a year. While India's agricultural production has dropped by 8 per cent during the last 10 years, the population has increased by 30 millions in the same period, and consequently India has been importing large quantities of foodstuffs from Australia.

The Report includes several interesting statistical tables and also gives information about the economic conditions of the two countries, their Diplomatic and Trade Consulates, Chambers of Commerce and Industrial Organisations and other particulars as to how India and Australia can best serve each other's needs and promote each other's prosperity.

More Whisky For Export?

LONDON, (By Cable)

British distillers are to get an extra 50,000 tons of barley for whisky during the coming 12 months. By bringing the barely allocation up to 300,000 tons the industry will once again operate to capacity. The whole of the increased output is scheduled for export.

NARROW MOVEMENTS IN N. Y. COTTON

NEW YORK, March 9. (PTI-Reuter)—After a quiet hesitant opening, prices in the Cotton Market steadied on modest trade buying of old crops futures which was believed to be partially associated with the recent French export business. Later, the market moved narowly, eventually sagging slightly on scattered hedges.

In the afternoon, prices held steady throughout, helped by rather more aggressive buying and short-covering The market generally was still featureless awaiting stimulation. The market closed steady with sales estimated at 85,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, March 9.

March	32.39—09
May	32.22—03
July	31.10—03
October	28.18—01
Middling Spot	33.49—01

NEW ORLEANS COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, March 9.

March bid	32.30
May	32.14
July	31.05
October	28.13
Middling Spot	32.50

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 9. (PTI-Reuter)—The stock market suffered a mild setback when some good earnings and dividends were countered by further evidence of soft spots in United States economy. A relatively slow trading witnessed a pre-dominance of fractional losses including assorted non-ferrous minings, rails, chemicals, rayons, farm implements, sugar refinings, rubbers and amusements. The averages were Industrials 175.89 and Rails 48.03.

In the afternoon most prices fluctuated narrowly around earlier levels. Rails continued to average mildly lower ignoring reports that the prolonged dispute between the management and 16 non-operating unions appeared to be heading for a final settlement The market closed barely steady. All averages were slightly lower.

American Telephone and Telegraph 148-1/2, Amerex Holding Co., 26-3/8, Anaconda Coper Mining 31-1/2, Chase National Bank 36, Sinclair Oil 21-3/8, Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. 48-3/4, General Electric Co., 37-1/2, General Motors 58-1/2, Ingersol Rand 61 bid, International Nickel 28-3/8, National City Bank of New York 40, New York Central Rail Road Co., 11, Socony Vacuum Corporation 16-1/8, Texas Corporation 52-1/8, Union Carbide 38-5/8, U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co., 43-1/4, U.S. Steel Corporation Common 71-7/8, Western Union Telegraph 14-5/8, U.S. Price of Foreign Silver 71-1/2 cents.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, March 9. (PTI-Reuter)—Following an early sell off reflecting favourable moisture in the southwest wheat belt and a two cent reduction in the CC.C. wheat buying level at Gulf, prices rallied on commercial buying and short covering. The demand was based on reports that the C.C.C. plans soon to announce that it will offer farmers a plan involving one year's extension in price support loans covering the 1948—crop of wheat and maize. A further factor was the report that a "pinch" in wheat supplies was expected between now and he time when the new 1949 crop will be available.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, March 9.

T. T. London on:—New York Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0325; Montreal Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0325; Zurich Selling 17.34, Buying 17.36; Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

MADRAS STOCK EXCHANGE

Quiet Tone

MADRAS, March 10 (API.) Quieter conditions prevailed on the local share market today with restricted business.

There was a solitary deal in Midlands at Rs. 4/10. Textiles were steady with little business. Mettur Chemical Preferences were done at Rs. 104/12 the market closed quiet.

Following are today's quotations:

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LOANS: Three per cent Paper 98/7; 3 per cent 1986 98/13; 1970/75 100/2; Government of Travancore Loan 1952/54 101/14; Government of Travancoe Madras Loan 1960 100/1.

BANKS: Travancore 17/2.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies 1/4; Blue Mountain 2/7; Chembra 4/10; Cochin Malabar 4; Devashola 18/2; Midland 4/10; NelliampPathy 1/5; Ouchterlony 5/12; Pullangode 3/15; Thirumbade 2/3; T. R. A.M.D.T. Co. 5/10; Valkundam 7/2.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 155; Pref. 193; Cambodia 9/3. Coimbatore 112; Pioneer 112/4; Lakshmi 63/8; Madura 43/0; Mettur 305; Radhakrishna 138/8; Rajalakshmi 54; Ranga Vilas 45/8; Tav. Rayons 3/12; Trichinopoly 11/2; Vasanta 193.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64; F.A.C.T. 4/23; India Cement 17/8; Mettur Chem. 7/5; Mysore Chem. Fert 7

British Cycle Industry Leads

LONDON (By Cable)

Exports of British-built bicycles and motor-cycles in January achieved the unprecedented value of more than £2,000,000 (Rs. 2.67 crores)—£500,000 (Rs. 66.66 lakhs) above the 1948 monthly average, itself a record.

The overall figure, which gives Britain world lead in this field, was (including components) £2,700,000 (Rs. 3.6 crores) compared to £2,200,000 (Rs. 2.94 crores), the 1948 average.

The increase in cycle exports was absorbed mainly by India, Malaya, Burma, the Dutch East Indies and Latin America. Two of the biggest customers for motor-cycles were Australia with just over 2,000 and Argentina with 1,500. The total number of bycycles and motor-cycles sent abroad in January was 186,158 and 7,561 respectively—L.P.S.

U. S. PERSONAL INCOMES

WASHINGTON, March 10—Income payments to individuals in the United States reached a new high of dol. 213,600,000,000 in 1948 the Commerce Department reports. This was dol. 18,400,000,000 above 1947 and dol. 35,546,000,000 above 1946. Wage and salary payments accounted for dol. 12,200,000,000 of the increase, rising from dol. 120,100,000,000 in 1947 to dol. 132,300,000,000 last year. The tremendous growth of personal income in the United States is shown by comparison with 1939, when personal income totalled dol 72,607,000,000.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, March 9.

	£ s.
Consols 2-1/2 p.c.	
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961	105-5/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	114-3/4
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. and after	103-7/8
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	103-1/2
National Bank of India	39-1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,843.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, March 9.

Australian Wheat (new crop) 9s 8d Mar.-Apl.

LONDON BULLION.

London, March 9.

London Silver both Spot and Forward 43-1/2 pence. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8-12-3.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, March 9.

May 2.17-3/4.
July 1.94-1/8.
September 1.94-1/8.
December 1.95-7/8.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 10 (PTI-Reuter). The share market continued quiet but steady and moderate business took place. Following are today's final transactions:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Government Paper 98/7; Three per cent Loan 1986 98/16; Three per cent loan 1953/55 101/7. Three per cent Loan 1957 101/3; Three per cent Loan 1963/65 100/2; Three per cent Loan 1966/69 100/3; Three per cent loan 1970/75 100/6.

BANKS: Bharat Bank Pref. 72; Imperial Bank fully paid 1845;.

COTTONS: Basanti 7; New Victoria Ordy. 2/8.

COALS: Bengal 435/8; (ex div.); Burrakur 13; Central India '5[; New Manbhoom 16/12; Sheersole 7; Deoli 9/6; Camla Colliery 7/1; South Karanpura 26/3. Talcher 4/1; Western Bengal 4/8.

JUTES: Agarvar 22/12; Fort Gloster 429; Pref. 116; Khardah Pref. 122A.

MININGS: Burma Corp. 2/8; Consolidated Tin 1; India Copper 2/3.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 5/14; Sone Valley Cement 6/13; Calcutta Electric 18/4; Braithwaite and Co. 8/14; Bhartia Electric Steel 17/8; Indian Iron and Steel 23/15; Marshalls 6; Steel Corp. 20/8; Anglo Brothers 20; Balmer Lawrie 337; C.T.B.I.C. 8/14. Dunlop Rubber 87; Indian Wood Products 30/12; Jardine Henderson 161/8; British Burma Petrol 1/10; Bengal Paper 36/9; Shree Gopal Paper 11/5; India Steamship 8/9.

SUGARS: Gillapunkhuri 19; Loobah 5/4; Namburnadi 7; Patrakola 255; Sapoi 22; Tukvar 11/2.

Increase And Variety Of U. S. Imports

WASHINGTON, March 10. The increasing volume and variety of imports entering the United States indicate "progressive toward recovery on the part of many war-torn countries," according to U. S. Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder.

Snyder, at a press conference, specifically mentioned the increased importation of fish products from Norway, plant bulbs from Holland and steel products from Belgium. He also said large shipments of Japanese silk and other high-value products of the Orient are being received at Minneapolis, Minnesota, by plane. Air shipments of Cuban tobacco are increasing substantially, the Secretary told newsmen, and the importation of other bulk merchandise by air is being tested.

"A wider variety of products is coming in from abroad and many new products are appearing" Snyder stated. He then told of the arrival in Milwaukee of a carload of frozen, dressed rabbits from Australia and of the increase in the importation of vegetables.

For 1948, general imports into the United States reached a record high value of dol. 7,070,300,000, 23.3 percent above the 1947 value of dol. 5,733,400,000.

A monthly import record was set in December with dol 721,700,000 worth of goods coming into the United States.

While imports increased during 1948 exports declined by 17 percent from the all-time record of dol. 15,340,000,000 in 1947 to a 1948 figure of dol. 12,614, 200,000. This, however, narrowed the dollar-draining import balance of foreign nations by reducing the trade gain in merchandise to dol. 5,543,900,000 in dollar value as compared to dol. 9,607,900,000 in 1947.

During January 1949 imports dropped dropped to dol. 595,300,000 which is, however, still considerably higher than the dol. 545,000,000 imported during January 1948.

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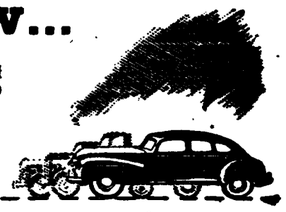
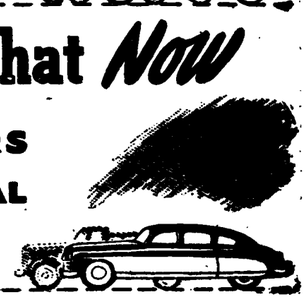
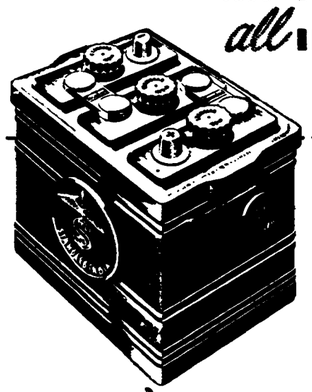


And do you know that Now all HUDSON CARS all INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS are coming fitted with STANDARD Batteries?





ANOTHER leading automobile manufacturer in India has selected STANDARD batteries as original equipment. The Peninsular Motor Corporation Ltd. now use STANDARD batteries exclusively for their well-known Hudson Cars and International Trucks assembled in their plants at Calcutta and Bombay.

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FOOD PROCUREMENT TO BE INTENSIFIED

Instructions To Administrators: 40 Lakhs Tons To Be Collected

NEW DELHI, March 10 (UPI): "The Government of India have directed all food administrations in the country to intensify local procurement of foodgrains. The present expectation is that 40 lakhs tons will be procured during 1949. Wherever the local system proves inadequate to meet the needs of the situation, the Centre will not hesitate to apply the maximum pressure"

A spokesman of the Central Food Ministry thus summed up Government efforts to enable the fullest utilisation of all grain surplus in the country for equitable distribution through rationing.

Reviewing the progress made in implementing the policy of control adopted last September, the spokesman admitted that at the time of the reversal of the policy of "progressive decontrol about 6 months ago, the Government had no large stocks on hand, nor was there any crop ready for procuring, which factors would have enabled them to make price control effective. Even so, action was taken on a limited scale. The towns were rationed in East Punjab, where a steep rise in prices had been reported. This resulted in a sudden fall in prices. Partial rationing was also introduced in the U.P., which while not bringing down grain prices, did arrest a further upward movement. Wheat prices had again risen but this was a normal feature during the tag-end of a crop season, a downward fall in grain prices was indicated with the arrival of the rabi crop two months hence, and extension of rationing, as Government built up their stocks.

INTERNAL PROCUREMENT

Describing internal procurement as the "lynchpi of food control machinery", the official spokesman stated that the present position province-wise was as follows:—

Assam—for purposes of procurement, the whole Province is divided into 5 main centres and procurement is done by the Government.

Bengal: Procurement, which was not abandoned even under decontrol continues to be successful but because of the absence of land record, as most of the area is under the permanent settlement, a grain levy cannot be introduced.

Bihar: The difficulties of introducing a system of levy in most parts of Bihar are the same as in the case of Bengal. Rice and paddy will, however, be procured under a system of monopoly procurement. For this, certain areas are to be declared monopoly procurement areas. All rice mills in the province are being appointed as sole purchasers of paddy for the Government, and their toatl production will be taken over by the Government.

Bombay: The Province has reverted to its full-fledged procurement and levy scheme which was in operation be decontrol.

Madras: The scheme of procurement and rationing at the time of food control is being reintroduced. Under this, the entire surplus of the cultivator is acquired by the Government after allowing him to keep his requirements from domestic consumption, seed and customary payment in kind.

C. P. and Berar: Sixty per cent of milets and 50 per cent of rice are to be sold to the Government by the licensed traders;

Orissa: Monopoly procurement of rice and paddy is in operation in the Province.

East Punjab: Monopoly procurement of rice has already been introduced in the Province and the target for monopoly procurement of wheat is 100,000 tons.

INCREASE IN COMPOST PRODUCTION

Targets For Bombay For Next Year

NEW DELHI, March 10:

During the first six months of 1948-49 the Agriculture Department of the Govenment of Bombay produced 77,563 tons of composts from town refuse, which is several thousand tons more than the production of whole of 1947-48. The Government, in pursuance of the decisions taken at a meeting of the Central Manure (Compost) Development Committee in March 1948, started a vigorous drive to increase manure production and the results of the last six months have been encouraging.

The Central Manure (Compost) Development Committee has fixed the following six-monthly targets of compost production for the Province: From 1,10 48 to 31,3,48—100,000 tons; from 1.4 49 to 30 9.49—150,000 tons and from 1.4 49 to 31,3,50—200,000 tons. Steps have already been taken by the Provincial Government to achieve the targets fixed and it is proposed to introduce necessary legislation with a view to compelling municipalities and other local bodies to convert the whole of their refuse material into compost. It has been estimated that by a proper utilisation of the refuse available in the 304 towns of Bombay with a total urban population of 62.67 lakhs (1941 census), it would be possible to prepare about 6 lakh tons of manure per year.

COWDUNG STOCKS

Distribution of cow dung stocks in Bombay's suburban area has also been undertaken and during the period, April to December 1948, 290 wagon loads of cow dung containing about 5,800 tons of manure were sent out. This figure falls short of the target fixed but difficulties due to the rains in the earlier part of the year and the need for large-scale supply of food and fodder to western India where acute scarcity prevailed, thus using up the entire transport capacity stood in the way. The Government of Bombay are now working upon a scheme to transport manure by motors trucks to the area round about Bombay.

Under the scheme of composting farm and village refuse, which was started in 1944, 1,000 villages have been covered and so far 1,25,000 pits have been dug by the farmers for which about Rs. 5,10,000 have been paid in the form of subsidies. The scheme provides, on an average, for the digging of 90 pits per village and covers 1,000 villages every year.

BOMBAY CITY SEWAGE

The Government have also been working on a scheme for the utilisation of Bombay city's sewage totalling about 120 to 150 million gallons per day. At present, the entire sewage is pumped into the sea thus involving a waste of 7,500 tons of nitrogen per year, equivalent to 37,500 tons of ammonium sulphate, valued at Rs. one crore. At a conference held recently under the Presidentship of the Minister of Agriculture, Bombay, as scheme of the Bombay Corporation for utilising about 4 million gallons of sewage per day from the Dadar pumping station to the corporation farms was discussed. Further steps are being taken.

In the refuse dumps at Chemboor, about 800 tons of good quality refuse are being dumped daily and at present there are several hundred thousand tons of manures in the depot. Steps are being taken by the Government to distribute this manure to the agricultural population as it has been found to contain a good per centage of nitrogen and phosperic acid.

RAILWAY WAGONS' TRANSFER

Delhi Contradicts Pakistan Minister's Statement

NEW DELHI, March 10 (A.P.I.): The Government of India in a press note issued today referred to the reported statement of the Pakistan Minister of Communications that "if Pakistan could get all the vehicles that the West Bengal railway owes them and which they are not giving and that if Pakistan could get all the coaches that are due from the Indian government to West Punjab, there would be no overcrowding on Pakistan railways", and said that the statement "has been made under a misapprehension".

The press note says: "almost all the wagons are pooled and ownership plays very little part, except for accounting purposes. At present the East Indian Railway has lent over 1,600 wagons to the East Bengal railway. So far as the coaching stock is concerned, there is a certain amount of delay in finalising all details of the division of individual coaches by types and ages. Both N. W. and E. P. railways are equally concerned in this delay".

The press note added: "It might also be mentioned here that coaches sent by the Assam railway for repairs to Saidpur (Pakistan) are, after repairs, being used by the East Bengal railway for their own purposes, thereby causing a serious shortage on Assam railway".

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MAY

NEW YORK, March 10.

Previous closing	32.22
Today's opening	32.20
Difference	—2
Today's closing	32.20
Difference	—2

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, March 10.

Silver Bullion ready	Rs.	186 8
Gold ready	Rs.	114 12
Sovereign	Rs.	74 0
EXPECTATION:		
Cotton Jarila May	Rs.	624 8

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, March 10.

Stock Exchange opening prices:
Anaconda Copper Mining 31-1/4.
General Motors 58-3/8.
United States Steel common 71-3/4.
United States Steel preference unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Slightly Easier Tendency

LONDON, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): Investors are finding the new issue market more attractive than the Stock Market. The £3,000,000 issue by Hawker Siddley group was subscribed over seven times today.

Interest in the Stock Exchange was small and price changes irregular. A slightly easier tendency was uppermost in most sections with breweries, irons, steels and textiles adversely affected by neglect.

Fractional losses were seen in oils.

News of trade agreement between eastern zones in Germany and Sterling area, assisted German potash issues in the foreign bond section. Gains were up to one point.

British Government securities held firm in meagre trading and improvements of onesixteenth were occasionally shown.

Once again base metals were easier. Copper and leads met small selling and closed a weak note.

South African mining dealers were election conscious. Results of the unions provincial elections were being received throughout the day and prices of Kaffirs were generally easier in sympathy with the trend at Johannesburg.

RICE COMMISSION IN BANGKOK

S. V. Ramamurti's Statement

BANGKOK, March 7.

Mr. S. V. Ramamurti, Head of the Indian Delegation, speaking at the first plenary meeting of the FAO International Rice Commission, said: On behalf of India I wish to express our great satisfaction at the formation of the International Rice Commission. It is of utmost importance to us in South East Asia to study the production, distribution and consumption of rice in all their aspects and make improvements which science and organization make possible today.

It will be of value if a comparative study of the factors affecting production in South East Asian countries is made so as to correlate them with levels of production. It should thus be possible with comparative ease for methods of rice production being adopted from the country to another neighbouring country.

It is fitting that this Rice Commission, dealing with a problem which is primarily South East Asian, has the benefit of international co-operation. Poverty anywhere is now recognised as the enemy of prosperity everywhere. Rice is the basis of South East Asian poverty. I trust that this Commission will help to make rice the source of our prosperity. On behalf of India, I extend full promise of co-operation with the work of the Commission.

MANGANESE FOR U. K., U. S. A., BIZONIA AND JAPAN

NEW DELHI, Mar. 10. (A.P.I.): The Government of India have so far fixed destinational quotas of manganese ore for four countries, United Kingdom, U.S.A., Bizonia in Germany and Japan. The target of export for the U.K. is 1,25,000 tons during 1949, which is more than India's exports to that country in 1946-47 and 1947-48.

A quota of 100,000 tons for the first quarter of 1949 has been fixed for the U.S.A. and, if this rate is maintained, the total in the year will amount to 4,00,000 tons, which is about 40,000 tons more than in each of the previous two years. The quota for Bizonia was 25,000 tons for the year ending June 1949.

For Japan more than 45,000 tone have been licensed since September 1948. This is in excess of the quantity covered by the one hundred million dollars worth of manganese ore agreed upon by India and Japan. The entire quota for Bizonia and Japan has been shipped and further licenses for these two destinations will not for the present be given.

The reason for making manganese ore subject to export control, it is stated, was not to curtail export but to ensure that such exports went to countries which had agreed to make certain supplies. The difficulty of providing adequate transport has affected the export of this commodity. But in the current year, the movement is expected to improve.

BOSE CRITICISES 'RULING AUTHORITIES'

Urges For Clear-Cut Foregn Policy

NEW DELHI, March 10 (A.P.I.): Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, leader of the newly-formed Republican Socialist Party, at a press conference today, criticised "the ruling authorities" for their failure to tackle the refugee problem in Bengal, for lack of an industrial policy, and for their present foreign policy.

Mr. Bose said he wondered what had happened to the country which had in the past resolutely opposed and condemned such enactments as the regulations of 1818, the Criminal Law Amendment Act and other measures which deprived civil liberty but was today tolerating the passage of "so-called security laws" by almost all the Provincial Assemblies and the Centre without even a protest.

The refugee problem, he said, was not an insoluble problem.

'INDUSTRIAL POLICY'

Mr. Bose said that there must be "a clear-out and definite" industrial policy The country, he added, was 'in the grip of capitalists,' Indian and partly foreign".

Mr. Bose said that the grievances of labour must be removed, and it was no use complaining about the Communists or invoking penal measures to surppress labour. Arrest and imprisonment would only make the cause of the sufferers more and more popular.

FOREIGN POLICY

Turning to foreign policy, Mr. Bose reiterated the charges he had made against the Indian embassy in the U. K. an asked why the government should not hold an inquiry into the allegations he had made.

Urging a "clear-cut foreign policy", Mr. Bose said that if it was considered that continuance in the Commonwealth was for the good of the country government must say so. Merely putting on the statue book that India was an independent sovereign republic would not make her a republic.

Mr. Bose did not think that India was keeping aloof from power blocs or was "neutral". If that was so, he said, India should not have participated in the Commonwealth Premiers Conference and in the formation of a Western European Bloc.

CALICUT MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

CALICUT, March 10.

Coir yarn Beypore 135-145, Quilandy 145-155, Fibre Garbled 90, Ungarbled 80, Coconuts raw 167-168, Dry 150-175, Coconut oil 600, Copra Office 402-8, Dipasand 410, Madras nottam 428, Pepper Wynaad 1440, Country 1430, Dryginger Chernad 800, Ernad 750, Coffee Robusta 150, Timber pali 50-60, Junglewood 35-37, Vellapine 50-75, Benteak 50-55, Teak 90-125, Mango 3-3-4, Teak 20-25, Rose wood 20/22-8.

SUPREME SOVIET SESSION OPENS

Leaders Attend Session

MOSCOW, Mar. 10. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Prominent Russian leaders attended the opening session of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. in the big palace of the Kremlin here this afternoon to discuss the budget and other high state business.

The budget report will be taken tonight.

Premier Stalin and his deputy Vyacheslav Molotov were not there when the Soviet of the Union began work, but Soviet notabilities in the praesidium seats included President Nikola Shvernik, who heads the praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, Marshall Klementi Voroshilov, deputy President of the Soviet of the Union, and Andrei Vyshinsky, the new Foreign Minister.

Over Thousand Deputies Expected At Kremlin

MOSCOW, March 10. (PTI-Reuter): Over a thousand deputies—including about 200 women—from all parts of the Soviet Union were expected to assemble in the big palace of the Kremlin, today, for a session of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR Highest organ of state power.

Different nationalities make up this Soviet State Parliament—Latvians, Lithuanians and Estonians, Middle-Asiatic and Far Eastern people, dwellers in the treeless plains of the far-north and Eskimos whose homes are girdled by ice for eight or nine months of the year.

Many of the deputies, now being accommodated in the city's best hotels came in the national costume.

Some came from as far afield as Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat Mongolian Republic and nine days train journey away from Moscow.

Expected to last several days, this is the fifth regular session of the Supreme Soviet since it was elected in February 1946.

Two chambers make up the Supreme Soviet. They are the Soviet of the Union, elected on the basis of one member for every 300,000 of the population and the Soviet of the Nationalities, comprising of representatives chosen by each of the 16 Republics autonomous republics, 9 autonomous regions and 10 national areas.

M. Stalin, M. Molotov and other Soviet Politburo chiefs are usually present at the meeting on the budget one of the principal items on the Soviet agenda.

BISMARCK TOPS

Hanover Poll On "Greatest Politician Of All Time"

FRANKFURT, Mar. 10. (P.T.I.-Reuter) Germans believe that Hitler was a greater politician than Roosevelt, Stalin, Gandhi, Caesar and Napoleon, according to a poll conducted by the British-licensed German weekly news magazine "Der Spiegel" published in Hanover.

The poll, to name "the greatest politician of all time" placed Prince Bismarck, German Chancellor from 1871 to 1890, first with 3,937 votes, Mr. Winston Churchill second with 773, and Mr. Gustav Stresemann, German Chancellor in 1923 and peace-promoting Foreign Minister from 1923 to 1929, third with 580 votes.

Hitler received 515 votes and Stalin 178. Others on the list included Roosevelt, Gandhi, Lenin, Caesar, Napoleon, Molotov and Cromwell.

SEEKING REDRESS FROM SALES TAX

Surat Small Scale Industrialists To Wait Upon Minister

SURAT, March 10 (API).—A deputation of representatives of small scale industries of Surat will shortly meet the Finance Minister of Bombay to "seek redress" from the sales tax on export and the electricity duty proposed to be levied by the Provincial Government.

A meeting of small scale factory owners held yesterday under the presidentship of Mr. J. L. Vakharia, expressed its opinion that the Government had not taken into account the likely effect their proposal would have on the development of small scale industries like jari and powerloom weaving when they decided to impose a tax on the produce of these industries, 70 per cent of which was exported to places outside the province.

A meeting of weaving interests held under the presidentship of Mr. N. Kharwar protested against the excise duty proposed to be levied by the Central Government on powerloom cloth. A resolution adopted at the meeting expressed fear that in many cases where factories were small the new tax would result in their closing down. Goods worth about rupees twelve crores, consisting mainly of jari and handloom and powerloom cloth, are exported from Surat district annually.

ORISSA WELCOME TO NEHRU'S PARTY

BHUBANESHWAR, Mar 10 (API): Countess Mountbatten and party who are on a visit to Orissa, spent the day at Konark and arrived at Puri this evening from there.

The party originally programmed a two-day visit to Orissa, but they have extended it now by two more days and will leave on the morning of March 13.

Pandit Nehru is addressing a public meeting at Puri on March 12. The party will be staying in Puri till March 13 morning when they will proceed to Bhunbaneshwar from where they will leave Orissa by air.

The party left Bhubaneshwar at 6 a.m. for Konark. All along the route to Konark and from there to Puri welcome arches were erected. Crowds lined up along the road at the villages to cheer Pt. Nehru and party.

ARMED BANDITS HOLD-UP TRAIN

Rob Passengers At Pistol Point

WEST VIRGINIA, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): Four armed bandits forced the crew on a Baltimore and Ohio Express train to pull into a siding near here last night, robbed all passengers then went on to a night club nearby, held up and robbed the patrons, and escaped in as stolen car.

The bandits boarded the train as passengers and stopped it at a lonely spot by pulling the emergency chord. When the diesel locomotive crew investigated the stoppage, the bandits forced them to back the train into a siding.

They went systematically through all the compartments twice, robbing passengers at gun point. They beat up a young negress passenger and three trainmen with their fevolver butts to overcome resistance.

Before leaving the train the gunmen robbed the locomotive crew. They then headed for the night club where they robbed the till and the patrons and stole a car.

PAKISTAN & RAILWAY COACHES "DUE" FROM INDIA

NEW DELHI, March 10.

The Government of India's attention has been drawn to a report that the Hon'ble Minister for Communications, Pakistan, made a statement that if Pakistan could get all the vehicles that the West Bengal Railway owes them and which they are not giving and that if Pakistan could get all the coaches that are due from the Indian Government to the West Punjab, there would be no overcrowding on Pakistan Railways. It appears that this statement has been made under a misapprehension.

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Jap Trade Mission For Latin America

TOKYO, March 10. (PTI-Reuter): A Japanese trade mission of five Japanese aided by Mr. Frank Pickell, Chief of General MacArthur's foreign trade and commerce division, will leave for Latin America on March 28 to study trade possibilities. it was learned here today.

It is understood the talks will include purchases by Japan of raw cotton.

"AZAD KASHMIR GOVERNMENT"

LAHORE, March 10 (APP): Chaudhry Ghulam Abbas, President of the All-Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference, today nominated Sirdar Mohammed Ibrahim Khan President of the "Azad Kashmir Government", and called upon him to proceed with the formation of a new Government.

Sirdar Mohammed Ibrahim Khan, who is at present at Muzzaffarabad in Azad Kashmir territory, it is learnt, will nominate his colleagues during the next fortnight.

U.S. MOVE AGAINST "REDS"

WASHINGTON, March 10 (UPA): Congressman Francis Walter, a member of the House Judiciary Un-American Activities Committee, introduced legislation today designed to deprive United States Communists of citizenship even though they were born in the United States.

Stop Press

CHINA'S NEW PREMIER.

NANKING, Mar. 10. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Ho Ying-Chin to-night accepted nomination as new Premier of China to succeed Dr. Sun Fo, it was learned here authoritatively.

BOTTOMLEY ON HIS MISSION.

LONDON, Mar. 10. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Britain's overseas trade Minister Mr. Arthur Bottomley to-night described prospects of trade between Britain, India and Pakistan as bright. Mr. Bottomley told Reuter I had to explain to India and Pakistan that if Britain is to supply them with the capital goods they want, it is necessary for Britain to modernise her own factories and equipment to produce not only on a short term but also a long term basis.

"India and Pakistan recognise that we in Britain have to build up our own industry", Mr. Bottomley said.

The important matter was to get a smoother development of trade between the three countries, including a flow to Britain of needed raw materials and other commodities.

"India and Pakistan want things immediately and will be wanting our goods for many year to come," the Minister added.

S. AFRICAN ELECTION

JOHANNESBURG, March 10, (PTI-Reuter): The State of the parties at 7 p.m. (local time) was:

Transvaal (66 seats): United Party 27; Nationalists 26; Labour two, Independence two. Cape Province (55 seats): United Party 26, Nationalists 16, Labour one. Natal (25 seats): United Party 22, Nationalists one, Independents one. Orange Free State (25 seats): United Party one, Nationalists 23.

Supreme Court To Be In Delhi

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, March 10.

The Government of India have finally decided to locate the Supreme Court of India at Delhi, it is learnt here.

As there is no existing building in Delhi large enough to house the Supreme Court, the construction of the new building has been undertaken with the minimum possible delay.

A site near the railway bridge on Delhi Muthra Road is considered. The possibility of a site in the Old Delhi is also being explored.

West Bengal Order On "Agami"

CALCUTTA, March 10 (API.) The Government of West Bengal have issued an order of pre-censorship on the Bengal monthly newspaper, Agami. The order directs that all matter, whether in the form of news items, editorial articles, comments, tury to the Deputy Secretary to the paper should be submitted for scrutiny to the deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal before being published.

Patiala Memorandum To Dr. Pattabhi

NEW DELHI, March 10 (UPI.) A deputation of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union (pepsu) Congress waited upon Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Congress President, this evening and acquainted him with the situation in the Pepsu.

The deputation led by S. Sunder Singh Pran, prominent Congress leader, presented a memorandum to the Congress President outlining their case for the dissolution of the P.C.C. in the Pepsu and for setting up 'ad hoc' committee of true Congressmen in its place to reorganise Congress work in Pepsu. A copy of the resolution recently passed at a convention of the Primary Congress Committees of the Pepsu was also presented to the Congress President in this regard.

Congress Working Committee Meeting

MADRAS, March 10. (API)—The Congress Working Committee will meet at Delhi on March 27 when the venue of the forthcoming A.I.C.C. session will be finally settled, according to information received in Congress circles here.

Mr. N. Sankara Reddi, President of the Kurnool District Congress Committee, at present in Madras, however told pressmen today that arrangements were being got ready in Adoni for the holding of the session.

Adoni Getting Ready For A.-I C. C. Session

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Sukhthankar For Lake Success

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 10.

Transport Secretary Mr. N. Sukhthankar I.C.S. has become permanent member of Transport and Communication Commission of the U.N.O., third session of which commences at Lake Success from March 21. He is leaving New Delhi tomorrow for Bombay 'en-route' Lake Success. After attending the session of the commission, he will visit Canada to study at first hand Canadian Harbour Commission and visit London and Switzerland to study Transport Commission and Tourist Traffic Organisation.

TWO F. A. O. EXPERTS FOR INDIA

NEW DELHI, March 10 (UPI): The services of two experts of the F.A.O. will shortly be available to the Indian Government to advise them on problems of Indian agriculture.

The Central Ministry of Agriculture has under consideration the organisation of an agricultural extension service, which would bring to the cultivator the results of scientific research and laboratory experiments conducted by the Central or Provincial Governments. Much progress in this direction has been made in the U. S. A. and the F. A. O. expert will advise the Indian Government on setting up a similar organisation in India.

The second expert will assist India to prepare improved rinderpest vaccine.

The terms of consultation for these experts include the payment of a subsistence allowance in India and travelling expenses. It is considered likely that the F. A. O. would require the assistance of Indian experts in agriculture for the benefit of some underdeveloped countries in South-East Asia.

Tariff Board Member For Madras

BOMBAY, March 10 (API): Dr. B. V. Narayanaswamy Naidu, member of the Indian Tariff Board, will leave by air for Madras on March 12 on a visit to slate and slate pencil manufacturing factories in the Province, with a view to determine if they require any protection or State assistance.

He will hold discussions with the Andhra Chamber of Commerce on March 14. Before visiting the manufacturing centre at Marakkapur on March 17 and 18.

Karnatak R. S. S. Leader Externed From Mysore

BENGALORE, March 10 (A.P.I.): Mr. Yadhavarao Joshi, Commander-in-Chief of the Karnataka Provincial Rashtriva Swayam Sevak Sangh, and two of his secretaries, Mr. Devayya and Mr. Balakrishna Kale, were externed from Mysore today.

They were released from jail today after three months detention.

Concessions To Displaced Contractors

NEW DELHI, March 10.

The Ministry of Industry and Supply have, from time to time, occasion to place contracts for the supply of tents for Government requirements. It is felt that there are amongst displaced persons quite a few engaged in the manufacture of tents or who can, in view of their experience in this line, undertake manufacture of tents. In order to ensure that such persons who are in a position to engage in tent manufacture have a good chance of obtaining Government orders, it has been decided that, other things being equal, preference in placing contracts will be given to displaced contractors.

Displaced persons who have the required experience but not the required capital, should apply for a loan to the competent authority of the Provincial Government concerned or to the Chief Administrator, Rehabilitation Finance Administration, Theatre Building, Connaught Circus, New Delhi.

IMMERSION IN GANGES.

CALCUTTA, Mar. 10. (A.P.I.): A portion of the ashes of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will be immersed in the Ganges at Barrackpore to-morrow morning by the Governor of West Bengal, Dr. Kailas Nath Katju.

The Urn containing the ashes was brought from Lucknow to-day. It was formally received by an A.D.C. to the Governor at the airport and was taken to Gandhi Ghat, at Barrackpore where it will be kept to-night. The immersion ceremony will take place to-morrow.

BEIRUT, March 10 (UPA): Informed quarters indicated today that Syria had refused the invitation of acting United Nations Palestine Mediator Ralph Bunche to enter into armistice negotiations with Israel.

U. S. Production And Employment

WASHINGTON, March 10—Production and employment in the United States are expected to continue at a high level during the next fiscal year despite the fact that a high volume of readjustments, labour turnover and job-shifting will occur during that period, according to Robert C. Goodwin, head of the Federal Employment Security Bureau.

"The basic in our economy such as steel, automobiles, manufacturing and construction, will continue to support a high-level economic activity," Goodwin pointed out in his recent testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee now made public. The February estimate for total employment in the United States was 57,250,000, slightly lower than the preceding months, but at approximately the same level as a year ago.

Unemployment is expected to be higher during the fiscal year which begins next July 1, as some industries readjust and "return to prewar seasonal patterns" Goodwin said. The impact will be felt mainly by women and older workers in the consumer industries and is expected to bring a greater demand for unemployment compensation, he added.

On the current situation, Goodwin noted that recent statistics show a "marked downward trend" of new applications for unemployment insurance benefits since January 8.—USIS.

Rise In U. S. Family Income

WASHINGTON, March 10—The average income of American families increased about 20 percent between 1944 and 1947, the United States Census Bureau reports. In 1947 the average was dol. 3,000 in 1944, dol 2,500. Family incomes in 1947 were higher than in any previous year. The report shows that 1,000,000 families in the United States have annual incomes of dol. 10,000 and over; 3,000,000 receive from dol 6,000 to dol 10,000 a year; 15,000,000 receive from dol. 3,000 to dol. 6,000; another 8,000,000 receive from dol. 2,000 to dol. 3,000, and 10,000,000 receive dol. 2,000 or less—USIS.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 10.

Cotton ready roller ginned Sind NT 91, Punjab 289 F 95, LSS 87, Fourf 84, Tone easy as local prices considered much higher than Bombay. At 91 Sind NT works to the Bombay equivalent of Rs. 1025 per candy inclusive of export duty and all C.I.F. charges. Turnover yesterday totalled 2810 bales, Consisting of NT and 4—F cottons.

Arrivals from upcountry 9438, Exports 1232 bales for Bombay and Calcutta.

Cottonseeds NT ready 8-11, April 8-13, Steady with good demand exports totalled 1700 bags for Cutch.

Gold 108-8, Sovereigns 69, Silver 134, Easy on lower Bombay advices.

Stock Exchange: Pakistan state Bank 102-8, Rawalpindi Electric 12, Government Three Per Cent 1960 Loan 101-2, Quiet.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 10.

Market ruled quiet. Calico opened 1186, Highest 1188, Lowest and, closed 1180.

Arvind opened 1472, Lowest 1461, Closed 1462.

Deferred opened 1648, Highest 1662, Lowest 1646, Closed 1654.

Closing quotations: Arvind 1462, Ambika 389, Calico 1180, Deferred 1654, Atul 39, Bihari 226-4-0, Aryodaya Spinning 365, Rajratna 167-8-0, New Commercial 1005, Rohit 117-8-0, Shorrok 652-8-0, Bhalkia 150.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent)

HAPUR, March 10.

Wheat 22 to 28, Gram 14-8, Barley 17, Bejhar 13-4, Maize 17, Juwar 16-8, Guwar 11-12, Matar 12-10, Jeth future 11-9-6, Arhar 12-8, Jeth 12-4-6, Urd 18, Moong 19-8, Masoor 15 to 16, Gur ready 12-4 to 12-8, Future Fagan 12-6, Baisakh 13-8, Arrivals 1500 mds.

Shakkar 13, Sugar Crystal 29-8, Khandsari 22 to 27, Sarson ready 25, Jeth 26-7, Tarasees '19-8 to 21-8, Oil 67, Cottonseed 15-8, Groundnut 17-4, Oilcake 9-4, Bardana ready 112, Chet 110-8, April 122-4.

Silver forward opening 183-4, Gold 117, Steady.

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One Major Project Per Province

GADGIL EXPLAINS PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT

40 Million Kilowatts Of Power Within 20 Years

DAMODAR VALLEY PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 10 (API): THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, MINES AND POWER, MR. N. V. GADGIL REVIEWED THE WORK OF HIS MINISTRY IN PARLIAMENT TODAY WHILE MOVING DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR HIS MINISTRY.

MR. GADGIL PAID A TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF HIS MINISTRY AND CLAIMED THAT DURING THE PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS HE HAD SUCCEEDED TO A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE IN CURTAILING CORRUPTION AND INEFFICIENCY.

NEW UNDERTAKINGS

Among new works on the programme of the Central P.W.D. for the new financial year, Mr. Gadgil listed the following:—The development of the new Diplomatic Colony in Delhi, the building of a new telephone exchange at Calcutta, preliminary work for an alternative road to Kashmir and Jammu, residential buildings for members of Parliament, construction of Federal Court buildings, and buildings for the subsidiary offices proposed to be shifted to Nasik.

Referring to the shortage of accommodation in Delhi, the Minister said there were only two ways of solving it: either the P.W.D. must build more or alternatively remove some of the unimportant and subsidiary offices outside Delhi. Three such offices were proposed to be shifted to Nasik. Government's decision in regard to others had no been finalised but Engineers were visiting certain places to report on their suitability.

SHIFTING OF CAPITAL

There was no intention to shift the capital from Delhi to anywhere else, Mr. Gadgil stated, although the race of "Mohammad Tughlaks" was not dead and was asking for its being shifted from Delhi. The sentimental argument advanced by these people that Delhi had been the "grave of Empires" would not hold good in the present case, he added. For, many of these old Empires were based on force whereas the present state was morally and legally based on the consent of the people. It would continue to prosper and prosper (Cheers).

Mr. Gadgil stressed the need for developing the activities of the geological survey of India and said that as against 6,000 Geologists which the U.S. Government had, India had only 160 officers in the department. In India they had not been able to recruit, always, the right type of men and they must have foreign experts on limited contracts. To develop the mineral resources of the country, an Indian Board of Mines had been constituted which would advise Central and Provincial Governments. Over 50 per cent of the commodities imported into India were from materials which India sent out unprocessed. They should lay down a policy which would ensure that instead of valuable raw materials being exported, finished manufactured articles would be exported. This would require industries being developed on a large scale.

PETROL SUPPLY

Referring to petroleum, Mr. Gadgil said while India would be able to get enough to meet her requirements from abroad, the greatest difficulty was transport. During the current year, about 200 tank wagons from Canada and 300 locally made would relieve the situation to a certain extent.

Mr. Gadgil said that last year the Central Electricity Commission did work for many projects. Two of its schemes for rural electrification in the C.P. and Berar and Assam were accepted by the respective Provincial Governments. The C.P. scheme covered 800 villages with a population of nearly 4 lakhs and the Assam scheme covered 57 towns and important villages.

As regards the work of the Central Water, Power, Irrigation and Navigation branch, Mr. Gadgil said the Government of India proposed to encourage this organisation for the construction of a barrage near Surat. Some other projects were still under consideration.

ONE PROJECT PER PROVINCE

THE GENERAL IDEA OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WAS THAT NO PROVINCE SHOULD BE LEFT WITHOUT A FAIRLY BIG PROJECT. AT PRESENT INDIA UTILISED ONLY 6 PER CENT OF THE WATER POWER RESOURCES AVAILABLE. WHEN SOME OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE SCHEMES WHICH WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR INVESTIGATION WERE COMPLETED, IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT 20 TO 25 YEARS, INDIA WOULD BE PRODUCING 40 MILLION K.W. OF POWER AS COMPARED TO LESS THAN 2 MILLION K.W. AT PRESENT. INDIA COULD ALSO BE PRODUCING FOOD NOT ONLY SUFFICIENT TO SUPPLY HER GROWING POPULATION BUT ALSO FOR EXPORT.

The Damodar valley project would be completed on schedule.

Another activity of his Department was printing. The Government of India had five printing presses but work had increased so much, especially when the Constituent Assembly and Parliament were sitting, that last year orders to the tune of Rs. 24 lakhs had been placed with private presses. New press machine had been ordered and it had been decided to locate this new press at Nasik.

Mr. B. Das speaking after Mr. Gadgil expressed the hope that the multi-purpose projects Mr. Gadgil had in mind would be executed in time so that the generation to which he and Mr. Gadgil belong will benefit".

NEED FOR WATER RESOURCES

Mr. Kala Venkatarao contended that only by the development of the water resources of the country and by repairing the existing irrigational facilities could the Government be able to make India self-sufficient in the matter of food. He said that in the matter of new schemes three criteria should guide them, namely, that the work carried out should be able to supply the needed water to the areas envisaged to be brought under irrigation; that the soil in the vicinity must be amenable to the cultivation of wet crop and that the food produced should be commensurate with the capital outlay involved. He suggested that the Government must tackle not only schemes which would yield quick results but must also undertake long term river valley schemes. They must begin some day or other long term projects and those projects should only be financed from capital outlay and borrowing. He asked why they should not borrow now and start those projects.

Mr. Arun Chandra Guha said that in spite of its drawbacks and its reputation for "slow movement", the Works Ministry deserved congratulation for the speed with which the Jammu-Pathankot Road and the Kurukshetra Refugee Camp were constructed.

Mr. Guha suggested rural electrification and electrification of Calcutta suburban trains to relieve congestion in Calcutta and for the industrial development of West Bengal.

HAVE A DEPUTY MINISTER TO ASSIST

Chaudhary Ranbir Singh felt that the Minister for Works, Mines and Power being overworked could not pay sufficient attention to numerous tasks before him. He should be provided with a Deputy Minister to assist him.

Mr. Kuladhar Chaliha said that a scientific survey should be carried out throughout the country into the possibilities of exploiting the country's mineral resources. Assam alone was rich in oil, coal, gold, platinum, silver and other resources.

FLEA FOR FULL COMPENSATION

Babu Ramnaryan Singh said that he would congratulate Mr. Gadgil if corruption had lessened in the P.W.D. as the Minister had claimed, but his own information was to the contrary.

He thanked Mr. Gadgil for what Government had done with regard to the Damodar Valley Project but hoped that displaced persons would be given "land for land" and "house for house" according to the original agreement.

SHAH'S CRITICISM

Prof. K. T. Shah said that the Parliament voted grants amounting to several crores in a few hours and speeches were made as if th eHouse were a "mutual admiration society". He said that there were very large projects spread over in time and space to such an extent as to make them lose sight of the details involved. There was a great need for co-ordination between several projects and programmes and also between them and the overall national plan, in which these were integral parts. He instanced the "lack of co-ordination" with regard to the proposed fertiliser factory at Sindri. Gypsum had to be brought from Jodhpur and according to the Minister about 200 wagons would be engaged daily in bringing the raw materials. He said that this would mean about 300 wagons would be constantly on the rails for the purpose.

Prof. Shah detailed various problems connected with big projects and said that the central fact in all these problems was the necessity of having a planned economy. The every activity of the country should be co-ordinated and integrated into a single pattern with a definite objective to be achieved from year to year. He warned Ministers against the great danger of their getting too much absorbed in imposing schemes and running the risk of overlooking the overall picture of the nation at work and in progress.

STRESS ON ELECTRICITY

Mr. C. Subramaniam stressed the need for the development of electricity. With the supply of coal and oil limited, he said, it was the only form of power which the country could employ for industrial progress. For this, he suggested greater amount of co-ordination between the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power and the Ministry of Industry and Supply.

Speaking about the progress of building a greater Delhi, Mr. Subramaniam said that the Government must first of all take a final decision about the situation of the capital.

"WASTAGE AND DELAY STILL CONTINUE?"

Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhry criticised the Estate Office in Delhi with particular reference to the conditions in M.I.A. quarters. He said that the former Central Public Works Department stood for corruption, partiality, wastage and delay but the Minister had assured the House that there was no corruption and partiality now. "Will the Honourable Minister be pleased to admit" asked Mr. Choudhry, "that wastage and delay still continue". (laughter).

Referring to Assam, Mr. Choudhry said that nothing had been done in regard to construction of aerodromes in Assam. He recommended the construction of a road from Assam to Tibet like the Darjeeling-Tibet Road so that trade might be diverted to Assam also.

Mr. Jhunjhunwala said that if Government was not able to complete the Kosi River project soon, it should at least construct small dams to protect the people against ravages caused by the Kosi River.

Mr. Satischandra said that considering the 19 anxious months that they had passed after the attainment of freedom, it was creditable for the Minister of Works, Mines and Power to have made the claim that the schemes were progressing satisfactorily. Many schemes had been taken in hand at a time when these could not be executed with the material and resources that were available. In Mirzapur District in the U.P. coal had been found from which petrol could be manufactured and Government should see whether that would be feasible, he said.

Replying to the debate, Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, said he had pledged to devote every ounce of his energy for making India a prosperous country.

Mr. Gadgil recalled that in August, 1942, while celebrating "Dusserah" in jail, he had predicted that he would die in a free country. He would amend this prediction now and say: "I shall die in a prosperous India". (Cheers).

Mr. Gadgil added, amidst more cheers, that he had been able to infuse this spirit into his officers, all of whom—from the Secretary downwards to the sweepers—were working conscienciously and courageously for the realisation of this ideal and carrying out the various plans.

Referring to suggestions that the plans of the Government must be integrated, Mr. Gadgil said that this had already been done. The Priorities Committee of the Cabinet had gone into the merits of each project and fitted out an integrated plan.

GADGIL'S UNORTHODOX METHOD YIELDS FRUIT

Mr. Gadgil claimed that his "unorthodox approach" in dealing with corruption was already beginning to yield results. He had told his officers that they were all partners in the great co-operative enterprise of building a prosperous India.

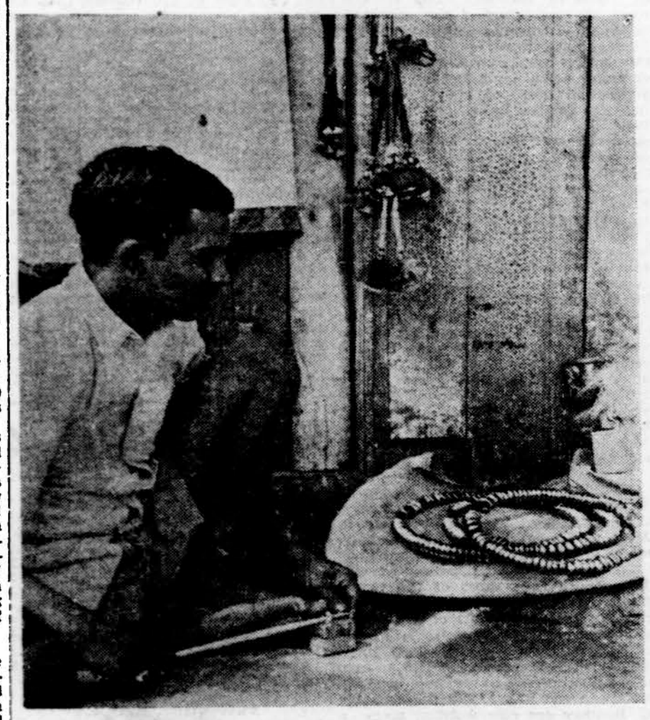
INSURANCE VALUE

Mr. Gadgil assured the House that although some projects like the Ramapadasagar project had to be postponed, Government in general looked upon the expansion of irrigation facilities not in terms of dividend or profit but in terms of insurance value. Just as in the matter of defence financial considerations were irrelevant and invalid, the same should apply to vital multi-purpose projects.

During the current financial year Rs. 20.20 lakhs had been sanctioned for investigation of the Kosi project. This area was in the earthquake region and hence the question where the dam should be built had to be considered by experts. He himself was leaving for Kosi tomorrow afternoon.

More attention would be paid in future to the exploitation of oil in Assam.

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS



54. The Seller Of Toe-Rings

His trade is built on the quaint custom of Hindu women adorning their toes with silver rings. This product of the cottage industry is not a beauty aid. The Hindu calls it a sign of "saumangalya" which means the ring has to be discarded when the woman loses her husband. Twenty years ago, the vendor could find clients in all classes of Hindu society because even the younger generation would take to this cheap jewel out of fancy, on a festive occasion. But now he has to wait patiently at the mill gates for women workers to be relieved of their shift because no one else buys his wares. His worst enemy has been the doctor who says women's toes get sceptic poisoning by this emblem of "saumangalya".

Mauritius Boys And Girls Want Pen-Friend

NEW DELHI, March 10.

Requests have recently been received from a number of young boys and girls from Mauritius, who are anxious to make per-friends with young people in India. These boys and girls are interested in stamp collecting, photography and general political and social problems. Those interested in making pen-friends with these young overseas compatriots may please write to the Director of Indian Information Services, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations or to the office of the Commissioner for the Government of India in Mauritius, Port Louis, direct, who will be able to forward their letters to people at the other end, that is in Mauritius, who have already addressed him numerous letters on the subject.

JAPANESE PLANT FOR POWER PROJECTS IN INDIA

New River Valley Schemes Sanctioned For Investigation

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY OF WORKS, MINES AND POWER

NEW DELHI, March 10.

The Government of India is investigating the possibility of importing power plant from Japan for expeditious execution of the various schemes for the development of electricity in the country.

This is disclosed in a Depot on the activities of the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power during 1948-49.

ELECTRICITY DURING NEXT FIVE YEARS

It is pointed out in the Report that the position with regard to the import of plant and machinery for power projects will remain difficult for some time to come. Nevertheless, it is expected, new power projects (thermal and hydro) with an aggregate capacity of about 1.4 million kilowatts will be completed during the next five years. (The total installed capacity at present is about 2.2 million kilowatts).

DAMODAR VALLEY PROJECT FIRST STAGE FINALISED

The first stage of the Damodar Valley project costing about Rs. 12 crores has been finalised as regards planning, design and preparation of detailed tender specification. This is the most important item of work handled by the planning branch of the Central Electricity Commission in connection with the Damodar Valley power project, states a report for 1948 on the activities of the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power.

The Damodar project comprises eight multi-purpose dams over the River Damodar and its tributaries which cover in area of approximately 8,000 square miles. Considerable preliminary work has been done on most of the dam sites and the actual construction work on the Tilaiya Dam is expected to commence during 1949, adds the report.

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Central waterpower, irrigation and navigation commission which is in charge of the development of the country's water resources is engaged in the construction or investigation of vast river valley projects of the country. Besides the Hirakuddao project, the constructing bridge across the Mahanadi at Sambalpur, forming a national highway from Bombay to Calcutta is also incharge of this Commisgal. The Narbada and Tapti projects taken up by the Commission o the Kosi project in Bihar and West Bengal, The Narbada and Aapti projects in Bombay and C. P. and Berar and also on the Assam valley schemes.

NAVIGATION ROUTE

A direct perennial north-eastern navigation route from Calcutta located entirely within the Indian Union is also under investigation.

WORK FOR MORROW

Important works likely to be undertaken by the central public works next year will be the development of about 200 acres of land for allotment to foreign diplomatic missions in Delhi, construction work on the Andamans, construction of Government offices at Nasik, a building for the Federal Court, and additional accommodation for members of the Parliament in Delhi.

OIL REFINERIES

The report states that the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power is awaiting the report of a party of foreign experts who toured the country recently to investigate the feasibility of setting up oil refineries for treating imported crude oil. The prospects of oil supplies during the coming year are stated to be "steadily improving".

LOOKING BACK

An outstanding achievement of the Central Public Works Department recorded in the Report, was the construction of the Jammu-Pathankot Road at a cost of Rs. 3 crores in record time and in territory very close to the theatre of war. The construction of large refugee camps at Kurukshetra and Jammu and houses and shops for refugees in Delhi, the construction of the Fertilizer Factory at Sindri, of bridges on the Kukhai and Kathjuri rivers in Orissa, were some of the other jobs handled by C.P.W.D.

The Report also devotes chapters to the Explosive Department, Central Board of Irrigation, Central Boiless Board, Coal Mines Stowing Board etc.

150 Lakhs Deficit In Hyderabad Budget

CHAUDHURY'S GIGANTIC EFFORT TO UNDO LAIK ALI'S LEGACY

Stamp Duty To Be Doubled: 2 Anna Levy On Petrol

HYDERABAD (Dn.) March 11 (API)—The "gigantic task" faced by the Hyderabad Military administration in putting the finances of the State on a sound footing is explained in the State's evised Budget for the year 1948-49 (Fasli 1358) which revealed a deficit of Rs. 2,02.24 lakhs according to a communique on the Budget released today.

Revenue is estimated at Rs. 23,99.24 lakhs and expenditure at Rs. 26,01.95 lakhs. The deficit is sought to be reduced to Rs. 1,50.32 lakhs by giving effect to certain proposals.

INCREASE IN STAMP DUTY

These proposals include doubling of the rates of judicial Stamp Duty (yielding an additional revenue of Rs. 8 lakhs), the levy of a tax of two annas per gallon on petrol including power alcohol mixture (yielding Rs. 5 lakhs) and the recovery of eight and three fourths per cent from the jagirs in pursuance of the recommendation of the Jagir Commission (yielding Rs. 10 lakhs). The police and judicial administration of these jagirs had already been taken over by the Diwani.

Besides, the administration expects for the current year a revenue of Rs. 28.92 lakhs from the Sarf-i-Khas (personal estate of the Nizam) taken over by the administration in February 1949.

"INTRINSICALLY SOUND ECONOMY"

The communique described the economy of Hyderabad state as "intrinsically sound" and compared its present state to that of a 'healthy man who had just got up from a severe illness" necessitating the taking of "utmost care during the period of convalescence".

Explaining the financial position of the state as it stood when it took over the administration of the state, the communique stated that the Budget of the Laik Ali Ministry passed in 4,34.03 lakhs in the revised estimates August last revealed a deficit of Rs of 1947-48 and a deficit of Rs. 3,18.18 lakhs for 1948-49. The estimates as revised by the new administration revealed a deficit of Rs. 12.57.44 lakhs estimated by the Laik Ali Ministry.

The Military Government was thus faced with the gigantic task of wiping out a deficit of nearly 8 crores of rupees in a total Budget of about 24 crores", the communique said. Every effort has been made to produce a balanced Budget especially in view of the need to combat inflationary forces."

The communique added:—The budget estimates for the year 1948-49 also did not give a true picture of the Budgetary position. Items totalling upto Rs. 4,72.71 lakhs fere not shown in the Budget and the real deficit was thus Rs. 7,90.89 lakhs. The receipt side also showed an inroad on the Railway Reserve Fund to the extent of Rs. 1,16.66 lakhs which did not really constitute the revenue for the year.

UNDERESTIMATING THE DEFICIT

Commenting on the 1947-48 Budget of the Laik Ali Ministry the communique said: "There is little doubt that the real deficit was deliberately underestimated by the Laik Ali Ministry to conceal its militant preparations and deceive the world opinion and gives figures for the vast amounts of money spent by the Ministry on Army, Police, ARP, refugees and publicity. The import and manufacture of armaments alone cost Rs 2,00.000 lakhs and the expenditure on the Army jumped from Rs 170.77 lakhs from the previous year to Rs. 633.49 lakhs in 1947-48.

The Budget reveals that the elections in Hyderabad will cost the people Rs. 34 lakhs. The administration proposes to spend Rs. 2,64.92 lakhs for education in the State and has set apart Rs. 58 lakhs for the relief and rehabilitation of refugees.

MALAYA REDS ENCIRCLED

R.A.F. Leaflets Call For Surrender

SINGAPORE, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): Royal Air Force planes have dropped leaflets on Malaya insurgents near the Malayan-Siam border telling them they are surrounded and urging them to surrender. Malayan forces launched a sweep on March 7 in North Kedah, scene of the recent combined operations with Siamese police and troops along the border.

Police, Gurkhas and British troops, including detachments of the Fourth Hussars, are taking part in the new operations.

'Spitfires' and 'Beaufighters' yesterday delivered an intense attack with bombs, rockets and cannon on an insurgent-held area.

Ground forces were closing in today and R.A.F. planes were dropping food and ammunition to forward troops.

Sir C. V. Raman On Need Of Opthalmologic Research

MADRAS, March 10. (API.): The suggestion for the establishment of a research institute in India for specialised study in Opthalmology was made by Sir C. V. Raman, well-known Indian scientist, inaugurating the tenth All-India Opthalmological Conference here today. He was also of the opinion that the Gvernment should institute a Chair for Opthalmology in every University.

Sir Chandrasheker said that in India, where people not only had those ills that were found elsewhere, but also had special troubles of various kinds due mainly to dust, heat, changing climatic conditions and malnutrition, the study of eye was more important than anywhere else in the world.

Gadgil To Lay Foundation Of Mor Barrage

NEW DELHI, March 10 (API): Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, will lay the foundation of Mor Barrage over the Mor river in West Bengal, on March 12.

The Minister is leaving Delhi by air on March 11 for Calcutta on his tour to Suri, the headquarters of the Birbhum district, near which the barrage is to be located.

MUTT AND JEFF—Well The Old Mare Kicked The Bucket Didn't She?

By BUD FISHER

IT'S NO USE, MISTER! BETTER SEND YOUR HORSE AWAY AND HAVE HER DESTROYED! SHE'LL KICK THE BUCKET SOON-
WELL, I'M THROUGH! I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE UP BEIN' A HORSE DOCTOR!
SURE! THERE'S NO KICK IN IT!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

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